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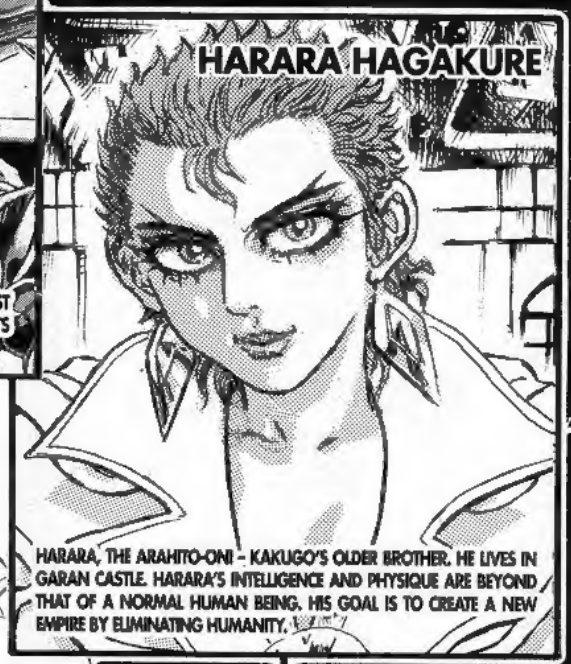
HARARA HAGAKURE



HARARA, THE ARAHITO-ONI - KAKUGO'S OLDER BROTHER. HE LIVES IN GARAN CASTLE. HARARA'S INTELLIGENCE AND PHYSIQUE ARE BEYOND THAT OF A NORMAL HUMAN BEING. HIS GOAL IS TO CREATE A NEW EMPIRE BY ELIMINATING HUMANITY.

KAKUGO HAGAKURE

A FIGHTER FOR JUSTICE WHO HAS NO FEAR, EVEN OF DEATH. HE IS A TRANSFER STUDENT AT GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL, AND ALSO A MASTER OF A MYSTERIOUS MARTIAL ART, ZERO FORM DEFENSE.

FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "ZERO"

THE ARMOR, WHICH KAKUGO PUTS ON IN EMERGENCIES. IT WAS DEVELOPED BY JAPAN AS A SECRET WEAPON DURING WORLD WAR II.

KAGENARI

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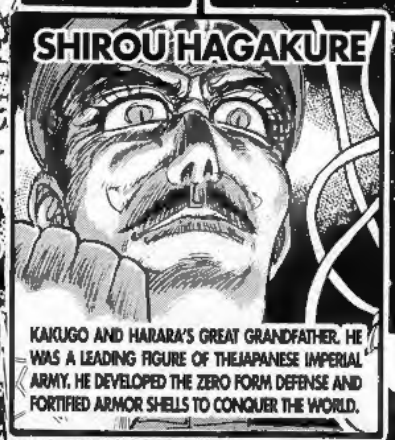
HUMAN WEAPONS, CREATED AT GARAN CASTLE TO ELIMINATE INFERIOR HUMAN BEINGS.

SHIROU HAGAKURE



KAKUGO AND HARARA'S GREAT GRANDFATHER. HE WAS A LEADING FIGURE OF THEJAPANESE IMPERIAL ARMY. HE DEVELOPED THE ZERO FORM DEFENSE AND FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELLS TO CONQUER THE WORLD.

OBORO HAGAKURE

THE FATHER OF KAKUGO AND HARARA. HE TAUGHT BOTH BOYS ZERO FORM DEFENSE AND PASSED DOWN TO THEM THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELLS.

HAOKA

MISS HORIE

PISCES, BLOOD TYPE AB, "I LOVE YOU, HAGAKURE ♥"

PONTA

PYONTA

IN THE BEGINNING OF THE 21ST CENTURY, A GREAT EARTHQUAKE RAVAGED HUMANITY. NEO TOKYO HAS NOW BECOME A RUTHLESS LAND. KAKUGO AND ZERO FIGHT TO PROTECT THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN WHO STRUGGLE TO SURVIVE THE HAND OF EVIL!

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HAH!

ERGH!
UGH!
FOUR ATTACKS IN MID-AIR ...
COULD IT BE...
WHAT?

HARARA!?
T-THAT VOICE!
LONG TIME NO SEE! KAKUGO!
ばっ
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN YOUR BROTHER!

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...THIS HORROR?
HOW COULD YOU FORGET ...
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO CAN DO THIS...
SPIRAL!

I RECOGNIZE YOU! HARARA, THE ARAHITO -ONI!
HAHA HA!
WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU!?

IT'S MERELY A TRICK!
I AM JUST TRANSMITTING MY MIND
MY BODY REMAINS AT GARAN CASTLE...

TAKING TOTAL CONTROL OF THIS BODY
AND MANIPULATING IT AS I PLEASE

HEH HEH HEH
HOW CAN I EXPLAIN WHAT AN INCONVENIENCE THIS BODY HAS BECOME
YOU MUST BE ROTTEN TO THE BONE, HARARA!
IF YOU MUST USE SOMEONE ELSE'S BODY TO FIGHT YOUR BATTLES.
HOW PAINFUL IT MUST BE, MASTER HARARA!
IT TICKLES WHERE YOU CASTRATED ME.

HAOKA!
DON'T SHAKE IT LIKE THAT, OR HIS ORGANS WILL COME OUT!
WE GOTTA HURRY UP, OR HE'LL DIE!
SENIOR HOSHINO!
WHAT!?
WHAT'S GOING ON OUT THERE?
CLASS IS IN SESSION!
AN INTRUDER IS ON CAMPUS? I'M ON IT!
THERE'S BEEN AN ACCIDENT AT THE STERILIZING POOL

SPIRAL!
SUPER SONIC VIBRATION!
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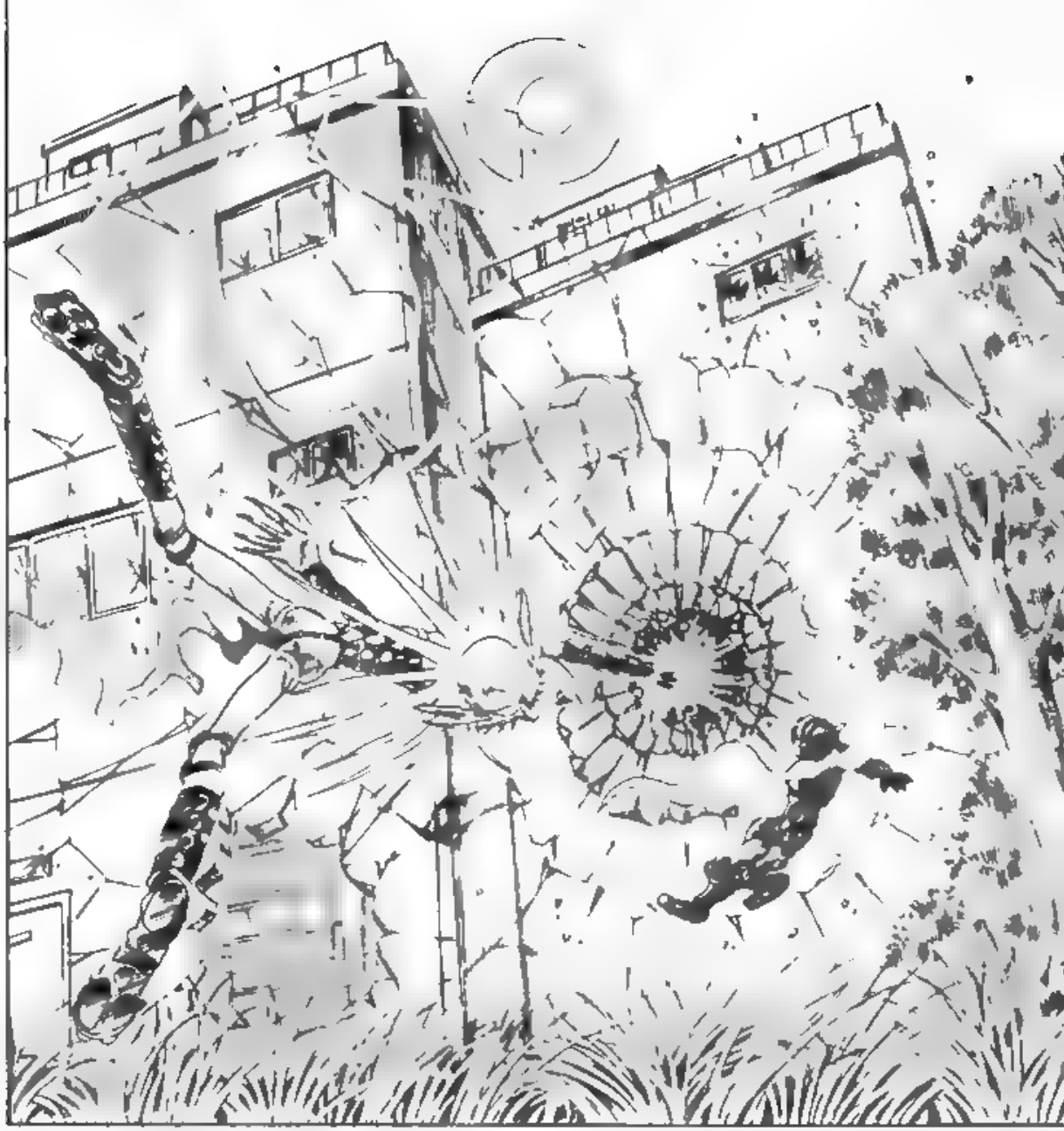
OH NO!



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ガカ!?
SURE, LET ME JUST GO KILL THEM ALL
MR. ZENIGATA, WOULD YOU GO OUT AND TAKE CARE OF THEM?
IT'S AWFULLY NOISY OUTSIDE.

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HOLY

IT'S GONE, PRINCIPAL
OH MY GOODNESS!

MR. ZENIGATA, WHAT WAS THE NOISE!?

THIS IS BAD...

NO WAY!
HEY LOOK! THE STERILIZING POOL'S GONE!

WHAT IS THE MATTER? KANJO
NEH HEH HEH
WITHOUT IT THE STUDENTS WITH WEAK IMMUNE SYSTEMS WILL BE INFECTED BY THE VIRUSES SPREADING THROUGH NEO TOKYO
IT PROBABLY WAS THE LIFELINE OF THE STUDENTS!
THE INFRARED STERILIZING POOL
I COULDN'T CARE LESS WHAT HAPPENS TO THE STUDENTS OF THIS SCHOOL
SO WHAT?
YOU MIGHT AS WELL HAVE KILLED THEM ON THE SPOT!

THEY ARE AS USELESS AS WEEDS!
UGH!
THOUSAND HAND STRIKE!

SPIN!
HOW MISERABLE YOU MUST BE, KAKUGO!
THE MOMENT YOU LET YOUR MIND WANDER WAS MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO EXECUTE MY ATTACK!!

YOU MUST LET YOUR FEET FEEL YOUR ANGER...
YOU MUST NOT HOLD YOUR ANGER INSIDE YOU.
AND LET IT BE YOUR FOUNDATION.

HE IS FIGHTING THAT MONSTER!
WHO IS THAT GUY IN THE ARMOR?
COULD HE BE THE GUY TSUMIKO WAS TALKING ABOUT THIS MORNING?

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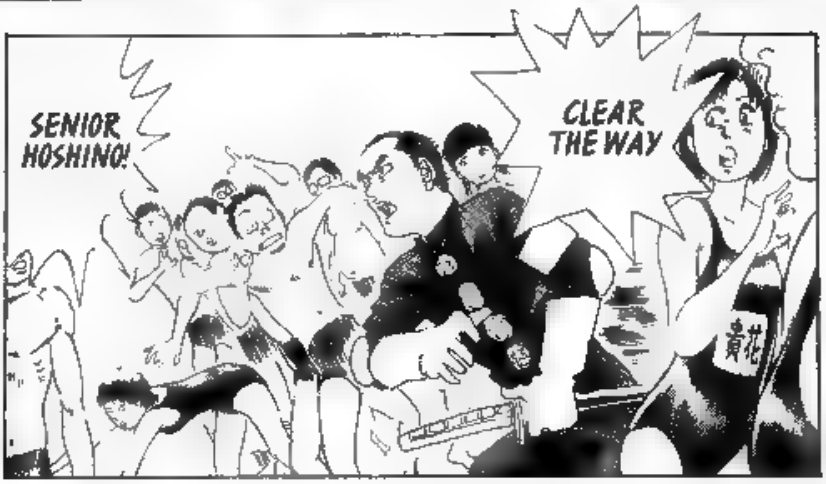
SENIOR HOSHINO!
CLEAR THE WAY

IT IS MY DREAM TO RID THE WORLD OF UNPLEASANT THINGS...

THERE IS NOTHING ELSE MORE UNPLEASANT THAN THAT!
I CAN HEAR THE WEEDS RUSTLING.

EVEN THE WEEDS ARE VALUABLE!

EPISODE TEN, IMPACT
第十話　因果

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CHAIRMAN! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
I DON'T KNOW!
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MATSUNAE!
KYUJOU!
どさ
THAT MONSTER IS KILLING THROUGH THE SHEER POWER OF ITS OWN WILL.

WE MUST STOP THAT MONSTER!
OUR SCHOOL IS IN GRAVE DANGER!
TEACHER ZENIGATA!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HOSHINO!
THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO!
FORGET ABOUT THE SCHOOL! JUST GET THE HELL OUT OF HERE!
IF WE GET CLOSE TO THEIR BATTLE, OUR HEARTS ARE SURE TO EXPLODE!

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OUR FATHER'S WORDS?
YOU'VE GROWN KARUGO
YOU WITHSTOOD MY ATTACK WITH GREAT DIGNITY
IT IS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO FANGS TO DEFEND THEMSELVES
ZERO FORM DEFENSE IS NOT A SWORD FOR
THEREFORE WHEN YOU MUST USE ZERO FORM DEFENSE

...IT IS TO ANSWER THE PRAYERS OF THE DEFENSELESS.

ARE YOU STILL FOLLOWING FATHER'S OLD TEACHINGS?

I AM NOT THE ONE WHO IS FIGHTING THIS BATTLE.

WHAT!?
THE TRUE CREATOR OF ZERO FORM TAUGHT ME SOMETHING ELSE!
THE ZERO FORM YOU TALK ABOUT IS A MERE DREAM THAT OBORO CREATED.
IS GOD'S CHOSEN AVENGER
THE ONE WHO MASTERS ZERO FORM
YOU...
I WILL SHOW THE WORLD WHAT REAL GRACE AND DISCIPLINE ARE!
ALL WILL BOW TO ME!
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GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL INFIRMARY
NURSE! CAN YOU SAVE HIM?
HE'LL MAKE IT, BARELY
THANK GOD!
AH!
HAGAKURE!
!

THAT MONSTER SEEMS A LOT STRONGER THAN BEFORE!
LOOK.
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HORIE, YOU CAN RUN PRETTY FAST FOR A FATTY
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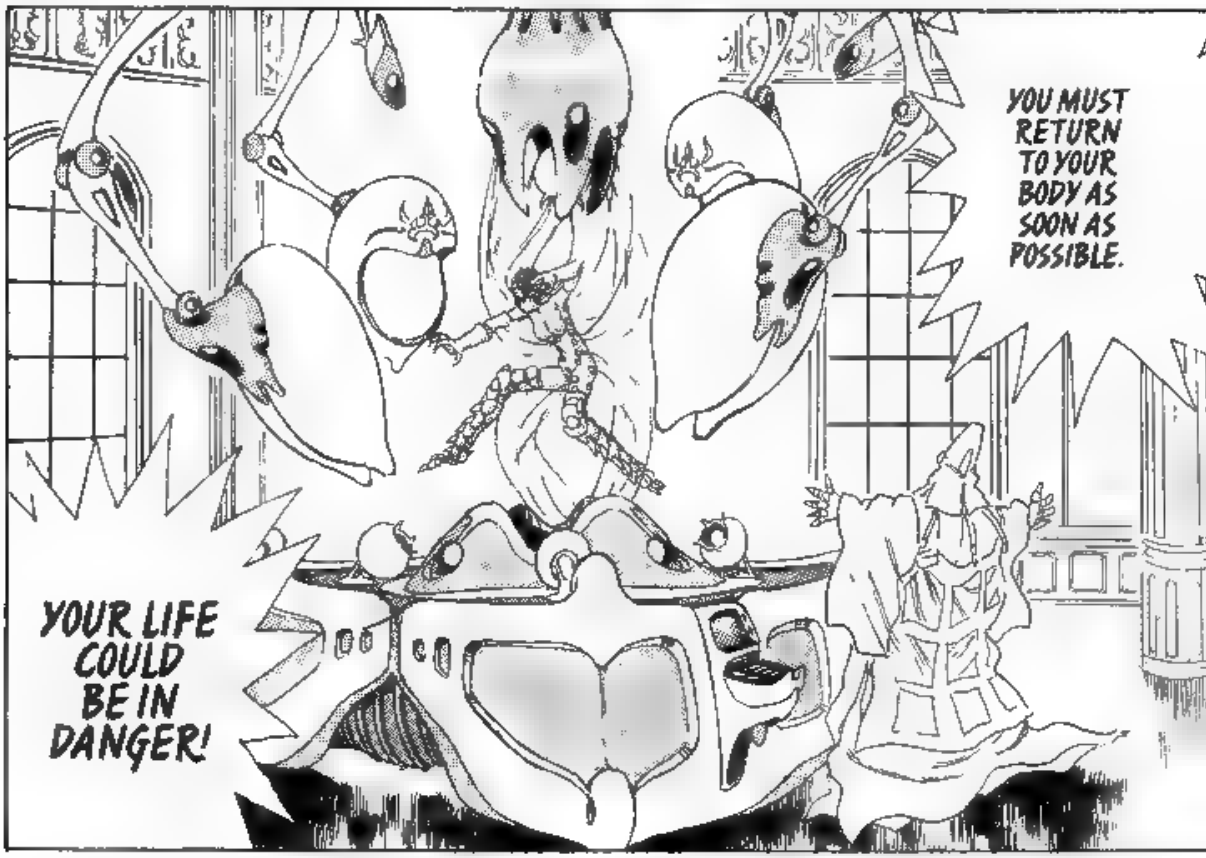
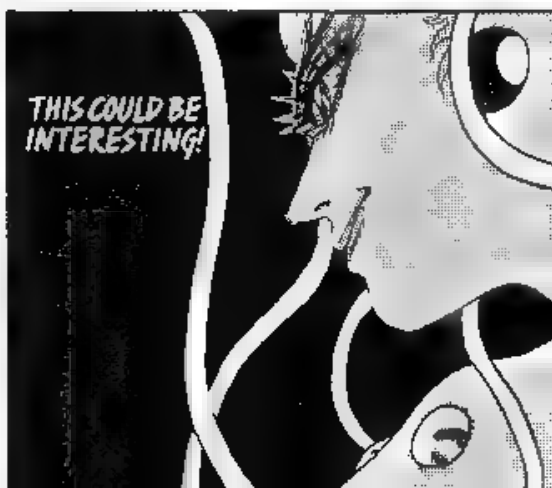
ON ME, HARARA?
YOU ARE GOING TO USE YOUR IMPACT?
I WILL MAKE YOU REALIZE HOW ROTTEN YOUR VISION IS!
HARARA!
I CANNOT CONTROL MY BODY!
!

EIKICHI'S BODY IS ALREADY DETERIORATING FROM EXCESSIVE BLEEDING!

RIGOR MORTIS IS SETTING IN!


YOU MUST RETURN TO YOUR BODY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
YOUR LIFE COULD BE IN DANGER!

YOU MUST TAKE MY ADVICE SERIOUSLY!
MASTER HARARA!


THIS COULD BE INTERESTING!

A CORPSE IS A GOOD MATCH FOR KAKUGO!
IT WILL RELIEVE SOME OF THIS UNBEARABLE BOREDOM!
RIGOR MORTIS IS JUST WHAT I NEEDED!

SPIRAL!

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MASTER
IMPACT!

GGH...
HEH
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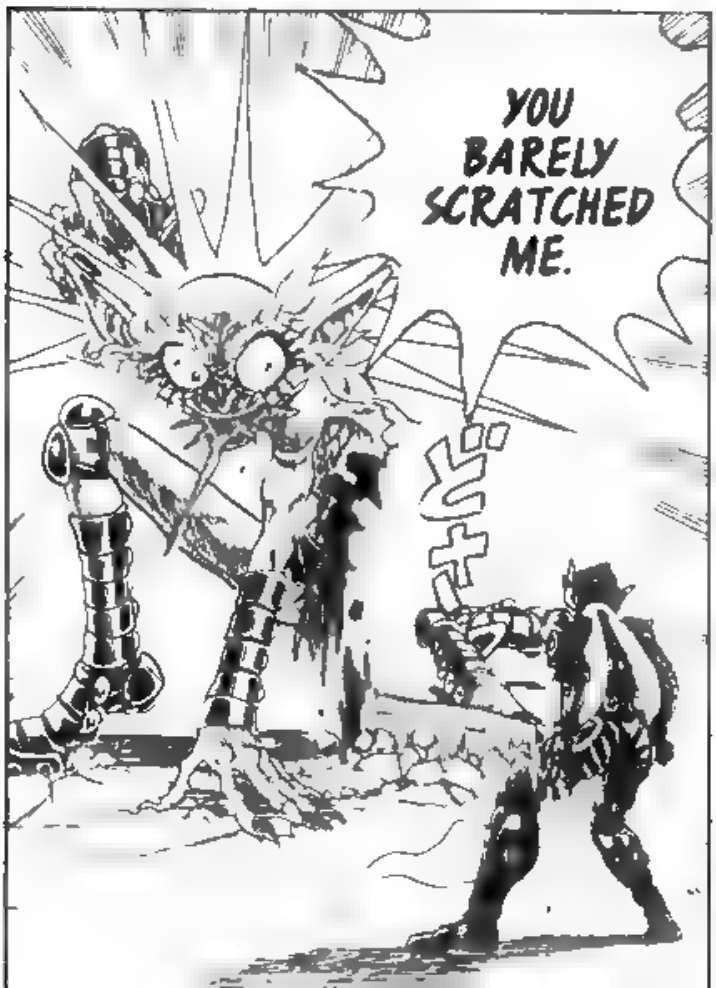
YOU BARELY SCRATCHED ME.
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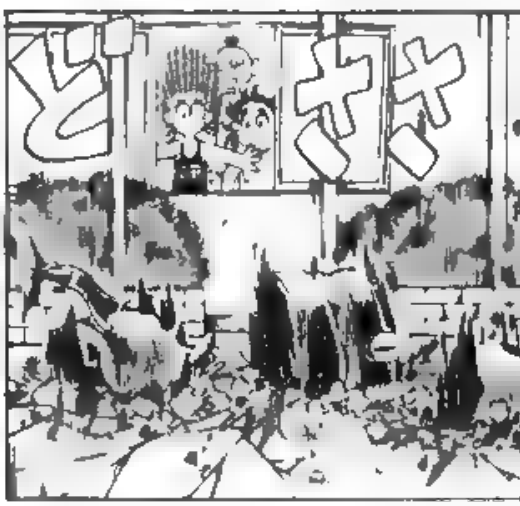
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LOOK!
AAH!

HUH!?
I... I CANNOT MOVE MY ARM.
WHAT AN ASTONISHING WILL TO FIGHT!
PREPARE TO DIE!

AAAA-
AHHHH!

OH!
YES!
IMPACT!
MY BODY IS A SWORD FOR THOSE WHO HAVE NO FANGS!

I DON'T NEED LOVE IN MY LIFE BECAUSE I HAVE THIS ARMOR WHICH I SHARE MY SOUL WITH.
I DON'T NEED A DREAM, BECAUSE I HAVE MY DESTINY CARVED DEEP INTO MY SKIN
EPISODE ELEVEN, ZERO

EPISODE ELEVEN, ZERO
第十一話 零

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KAKUGO HAGAKURE
13 YEARS OLD
GRRR
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THAT BEAR IS IN THE ADVANCED STAGES OF NUCLEAR CONTAMINATION
JUST OBSERVE
KAKUGO WILL KILL IT IN A MATTER OF SECONDS
IT'S CHILD'S PLAY
OBORO HAGAKURE 50 YEARS OLD
HARARA HAGAKURE 14 YEARS OLD
IT SLAUGHTERED 120-ARMED SOLDIERS IN A SINGLE STROKE
ITS STRENGTH IS PERHAPS EQUAL TO THAT OF A DINOSAUR

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IF HE MAKES AN ATTACK TOO POWERFUL, THE BLOOD THAT SPURTS FROM THE BEAR WILL MELT HIS BODY
THE MUTANT BEAR'S BODILY FLUID IS SULFURIC ACID
HM?
KAKUGO, YOU MUST BE CREATIVE.
KAKUGO!
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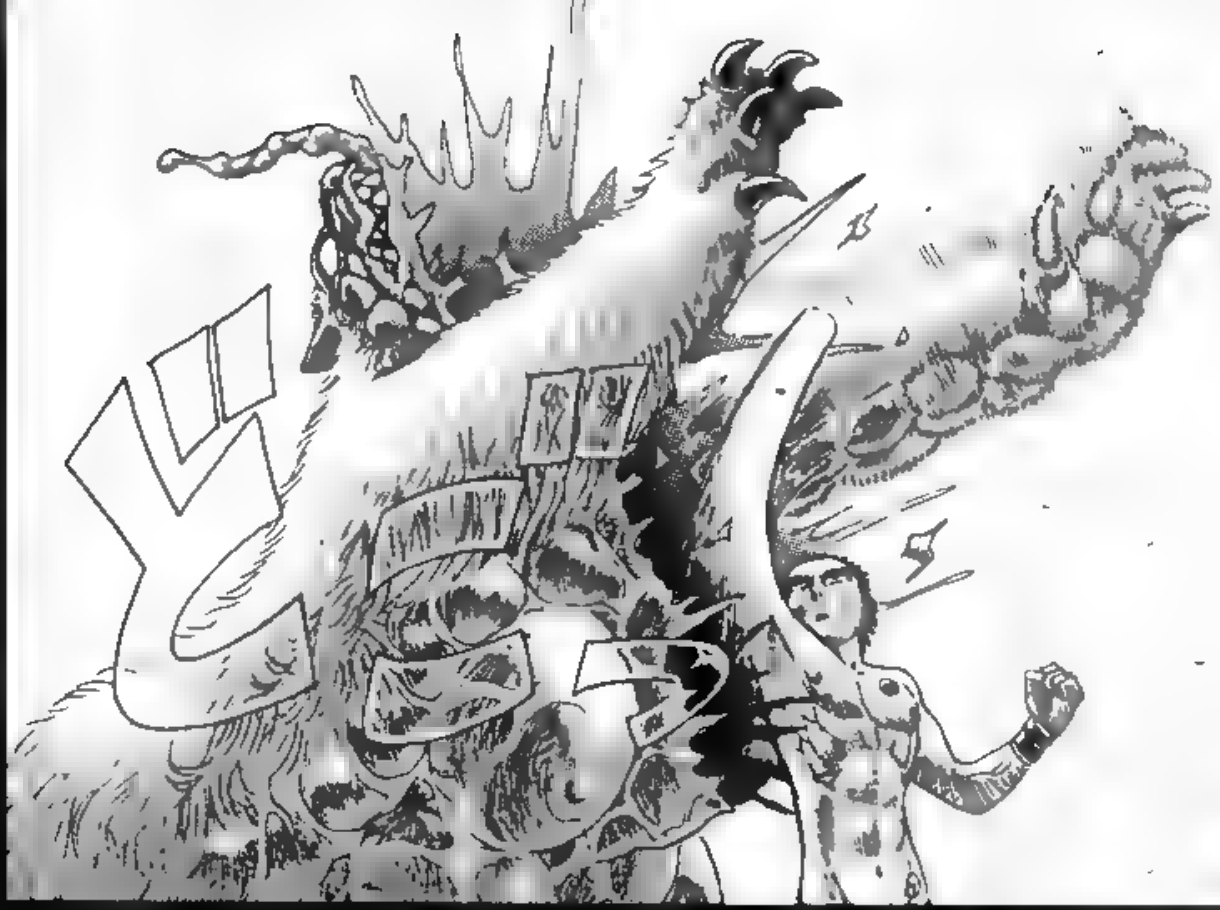

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IT DOESN;T MATTER WHAT HAPPENS TO MY APPEARANCE

THAT IS SO LIKE YOU, KARUGO
IT DID NOT MATTER TO HIM AT ALL

THE MISSION MUST BE ACCOMPLISHED AT ALL COSTS!
MY BODY IS THE MEANS TO VICTORY!
GET BACK! KAKUGO!
!
WINNING IS JUST A MATTER OF COURSE FOR PEOPLE LIKE US!
THE WAY YOU FIGHT IS TOTALLY REPULSIVE

ZERO FORM!
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EXPLODING HEART, BATTLE ENERGY!
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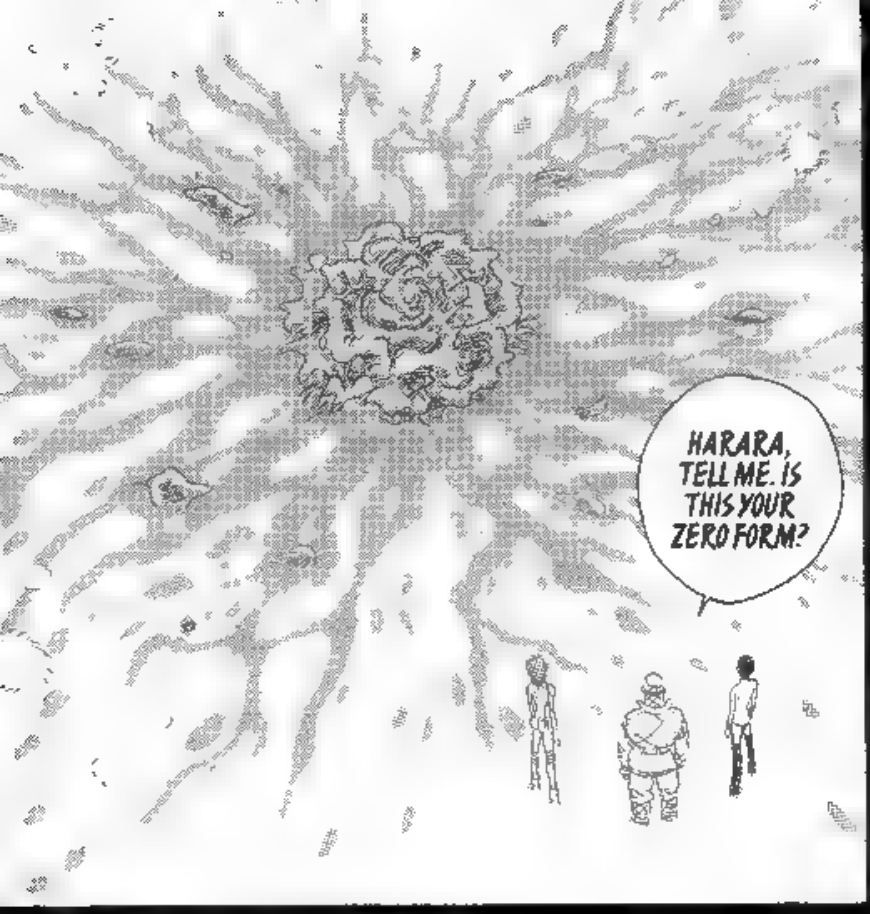
SPIRAL, ULTRA EXPANSION!
IF YOU CAN'T BE GRACEFUL, THERE'S NO POINT IN FIGHTING!
OH!
!

KILL

A BATTLE CAN BE ELEGANT OR UGLY...

...HNN!


HARARA, TELL ME. IS THIS YOUR ZERO FORM?

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YES, SIR. I TRIED TO BE CREATIVE

SPIRAL WAS UNNECESSARY
THE BEAR WAS ALREADY DEAD FROM YOUR BATTLE ENERGY

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HAGAKURE
HARARA, KAKUGO.
WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF MASTERING THE ZERO FORM DEFENSE IN A SECLUDED AREA WHERE NO ONE DARES TO COME?
WHAT IS YOUR GOAL?
TO ACHIEVE OUR GOAL.

TO PROTECT THE DEFENSELESS.
TO DEFEAT THE EVIL THAT TAKES HUMAN FORM
ZERO FORM IS FOR JUST SUCH ENDS.
INDEED
WE CAN EVEN WITHSTAND FIREARMS, AND YOU SAY WE'D DIE IN VAIN?
WHAT?!
HOWEVER, IF YOU TWO FACED A REAL BATTLE, I AM CERTAIN THAT YOU WOULD DIE IN VAIN
ON A BATTLEFIELD, YOU WOULD BE LIKE A BUTTERFLY IN THE WIND YOU'D HAVE NO CHANCE.
INDEED.

A FLASH OF LIGHT WILL BLIND YOU.

THE SOUND OF EXPLOSIONS WILL DEAFEN YOU.

FLAME WILL BURN YOUR FLESH WITHOUT MERCY.

YOU WILL NOT BE ABLE TO BREATHE THE TOXIC GAS.

THAT IS A BATTLEFIELD.

YOUR WOUNDS WILL BECOME INFECTED BY BACTERIA.

AN ARMOR THAT WILL FILTER OUT UNSEEN POISONS!
WHAT YOU NEED IS AN ARMOR THAT WILL WITHSTAND THE INFERNO!
YE NEVER BEEN DOWN HERE BEFORE
OPEN IT

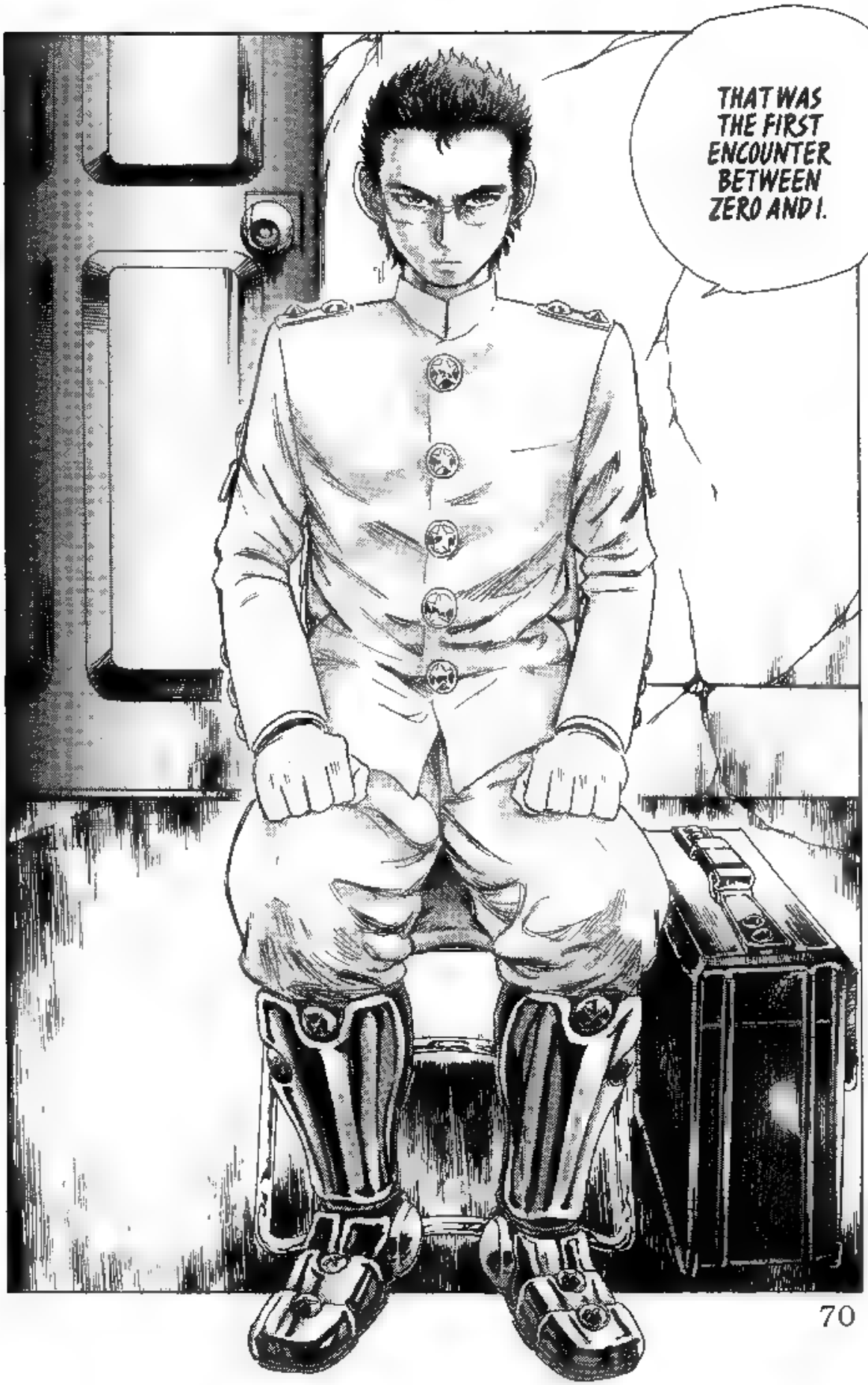
W-WHAT ARE THESE!?
FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELLS.

KASUMI!
ZERO!
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO USE ZERO FORM IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.
WITH THIS ARMOR

THESE ARMORS ARE ALIVE!
I FEEL GREAT BATTLE ENERGY!
FATHER! LOOK!
!
SO IS KASUMI!
ZERO IS SHEDDING TEARS OF BLOOD!
IT IS THEIR STRUGGLE THAT IS BEING SHED AS TEARS OF BLOOD
THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS OF SOLDIERS WERE SACRIFICED TO CREATE THESE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELLS.

NO.
IT IS THE AGGRESSION THAT IT DETESTS.
I FEEL THAT KASUMI DETESTS ME!
IF YOU UNDERSTAND HOW THE ARMOR FEELS, THERE IS ONLY ONE THING YOU MUST DO.
I CANNOT STOP CRYING WHEN I LOOK AT ZERO!
IT WILL BE THEN THAT YOU WILL ACT!
WHEN THE TIME COMES; WHEN THE BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT IS SHED BY THE ARAHITO-ONI...

YES, SIR!
YES, SIR!
SALUTE THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL!


THAT WAS THE FIRST ENCOUNTER BETWEEN ZERO AND 1.

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NEO TOKYO
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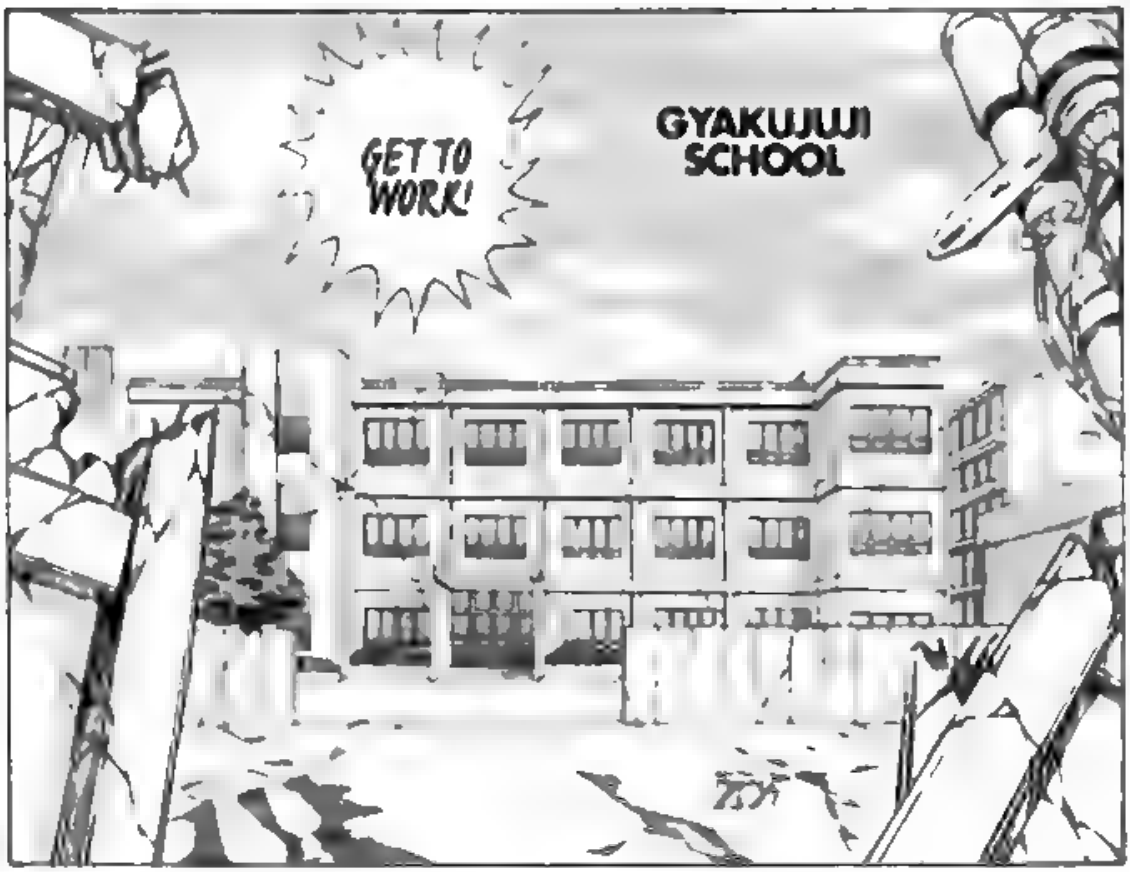
GET TO WORK!
GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL

THE STERILIZING POOL IS COMPLETELY GONE.
WELL, AT LEAST THERE WAS NO FIRE

HEY, THIS RADIO STILL WORKS!
DROP DEAD ZENIGATA!

I'M NOT GONNA DO A GODDAMN THING! THIS IS YOUR SCHOOL!
PUT YOUR BACKS INTO IT!

OH DEAR.
WE'RE GONNA BREED GIANT RATS HERE.
SIR, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO USE THIS SITE FOR?
WE GOTTA EAT AS MUCH AS WE CAN AND BUILD UP OUR STRENGTH.
DAD...
PEOPLE WERE BURIED IN DEBRIS.
REMEMBER? WE MOVED DEBRIS LIKE THIS EVERYDAY BACK THEN

THAT'S NOT FAIR, PYONSUKE.
HEY!
OOOH!
YOU CAN'T BE THE FIRST TO CRY.
DAMN IT! WHY DO I HAVE TO DO THIS?
THEY ARE STRONG LITTLE BASTARDS. AFTER ALL, THEY SURVIVED THE GREAT EARTHQUAKE.
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WHY DON'T YOU JUST QUIT SCHOOL THEN? YOU USELESS CRIPPLE!
YOU MOTHER-
TSK!
WHY AM I BEING FORCED TO WORK LIKE A SLAVE?
I JUST HAD MY STOMACH SLIT OPEN!
HAH!
WATCH IT!
DON'T UNDERESTIMATE WHAT A CRIPPLE CAN DO!
HAOKA!

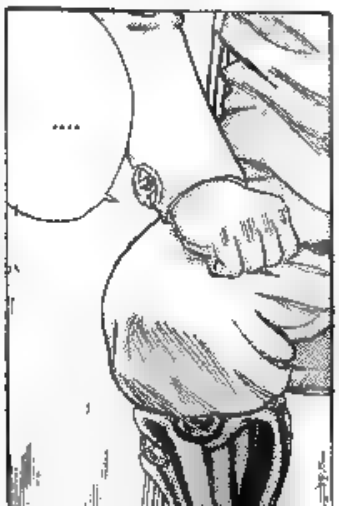
HE'S THE ONE WHO WRECKED THIS PLACE!
BY THE WAY...
WHERE THE HELL DID HAGAKURE GO?
INTERVIEW ROOM 2
WHO ARE YOU? AND WHAT WAS THAT MONSTER?
WE HAVE THE RIGHT TO ASK YOU THIS...
THE DESTRUCTION OF THE STERILIZING POOL WILL SOON BEGIN TO TAKE ITS TOLL ON US.
AS RESULT OF THE FIGHT BETWEEN YOU AND THAT MONSTER, FOUR OF OUR STUDENTS HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES.

I WILL TELL YOU ANYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.

THE DATA WE RECEIVED FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OFFICE MENTIONED NOTHING ABOUT ZERO FORM DEFENSE OR THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL.
TELL US ABOUT THEM.

I MUST TELL YOU THE STORY OF HOW I CAME TO WEAR IT THE FIRST TIME.

WHAT KIND OF ARMOR IS THIS FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL?


....

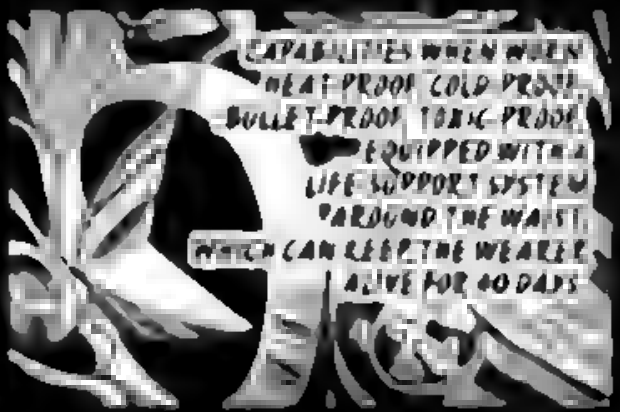
UNDERGROUND AIR-RAID SHELTER AT THE HAGAKURE COMPOUND
YOU MUST SPEND 90 DAYS IN THE CELL WITH THE ARMOR!
KAKUGO! HARARA!

NOW, THE DOORS CANNOT BE OPENED FROM THE INSIDE!

THE TEMPERATURE IN THE CELL IS MINUS 70 DEGREES CELSIUS KALUGO HAS NOTHING TO EAT OR WEAR ALL HE CAN DO IS SIT FACING ZERO

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY FOR ME TO SURVIVE
THAT IS TO BECOME ONE WITH ZERO

FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "ZERO" WEIGHT 90 KG COMPLETE ARMOR MALLEABLE TITANIUM ALLOY


CAPABILITIES WHEN WORN HEAT-PROOF COLD-PROOF BULLET-PROOF TOXIC-PROOF EQUIPPED WITH A LIFE-SUPPORT SYSTEM AROUND THE WAIST WHICH CAN KEEP THE WEARER ALIVE FOR 40 DAYS

THERE IS NO OPENING IN THE ARMOR
BUT I WAS NOT TOLD HOW
!
HOW CAN I BECOME ONE WITH YOU?
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
ZERO
YOUR BODY IS SO COLD

LET ME WARM YOU UP.
ZERO ABSORBED KARUGO'S BODY HEAT
AND SOON KARUGO LOST CONSCIOUSNESS
BUT WHEN I OPENED MY EYES AGAIN

IT'S WARM!
ZERO!?
IT FEELS LIKE ANIMAL'S INTESTINES
ARE YOU READY TO ACCEPT ME?

ARE YOU TELLING ME TO PUT THIS LEFT ARM ON!?
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IT SWALLOWED MY ARM!
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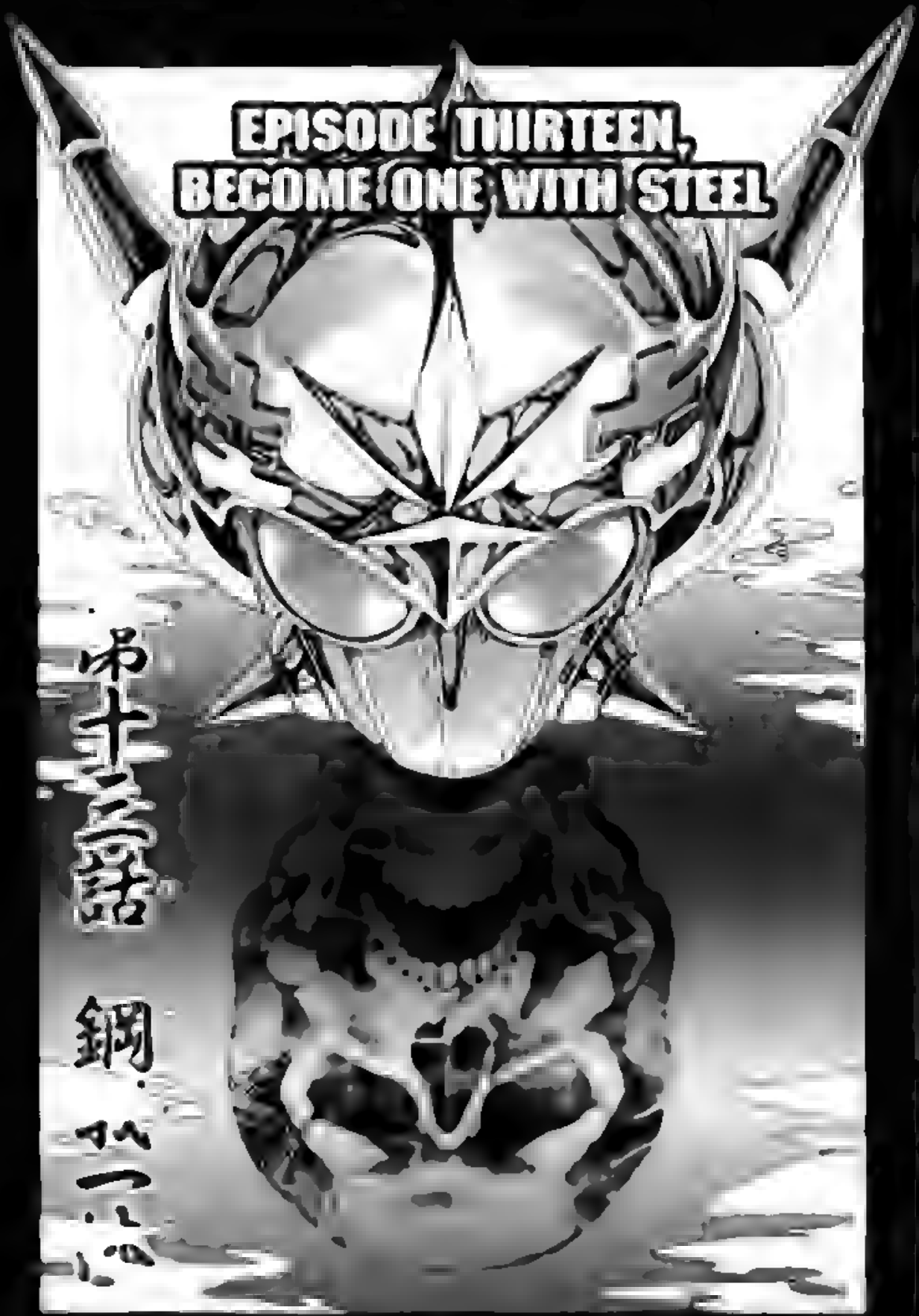
WHAT POWERFUL SUCTION! AN AVERAGE MAN'S BONES WOULD HAVE BEEN CRUSHED TO PIECES!
CRUSH ME!
I WILL NOT RESIST!

EVEN IF MY BODY IS BROKEN INTO PIECES, I AM DESTINED TO BECOME ONE WITH YOU!
HUH!?
SOMETHING IS ENTERING MY BODY!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ZERO?

HARARA!
KAKUGO!
EVEN IF YOUR FLESH GETS TORN APART, AND YOU SHED TEARS OF BLOOD, YOU MUST PUT IT ON!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BECOME ONE WITH STEEL
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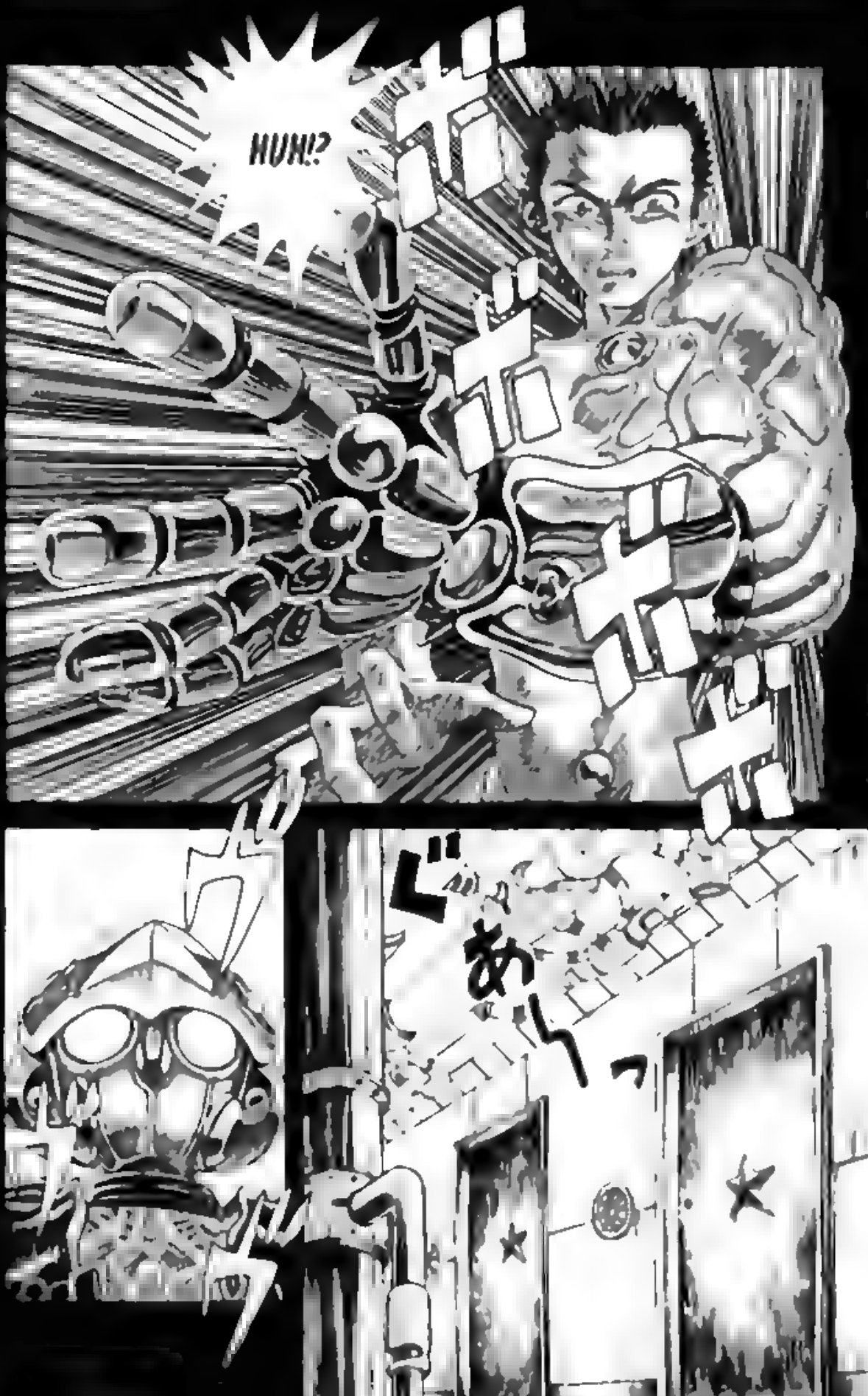
IF YOU AREN'T WORTHY OF THE ARMOR YOU WILL BE SACRIFICED TO IT
ONLY A WORTHY WARRIOR WILL BE ALLOWED TO WEAR IT
THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL HAS A WILL OF ITS OWN

SHOW THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL WHAT A TRAINED WARRIOR CAN DO!
KAKUGO! HARARA!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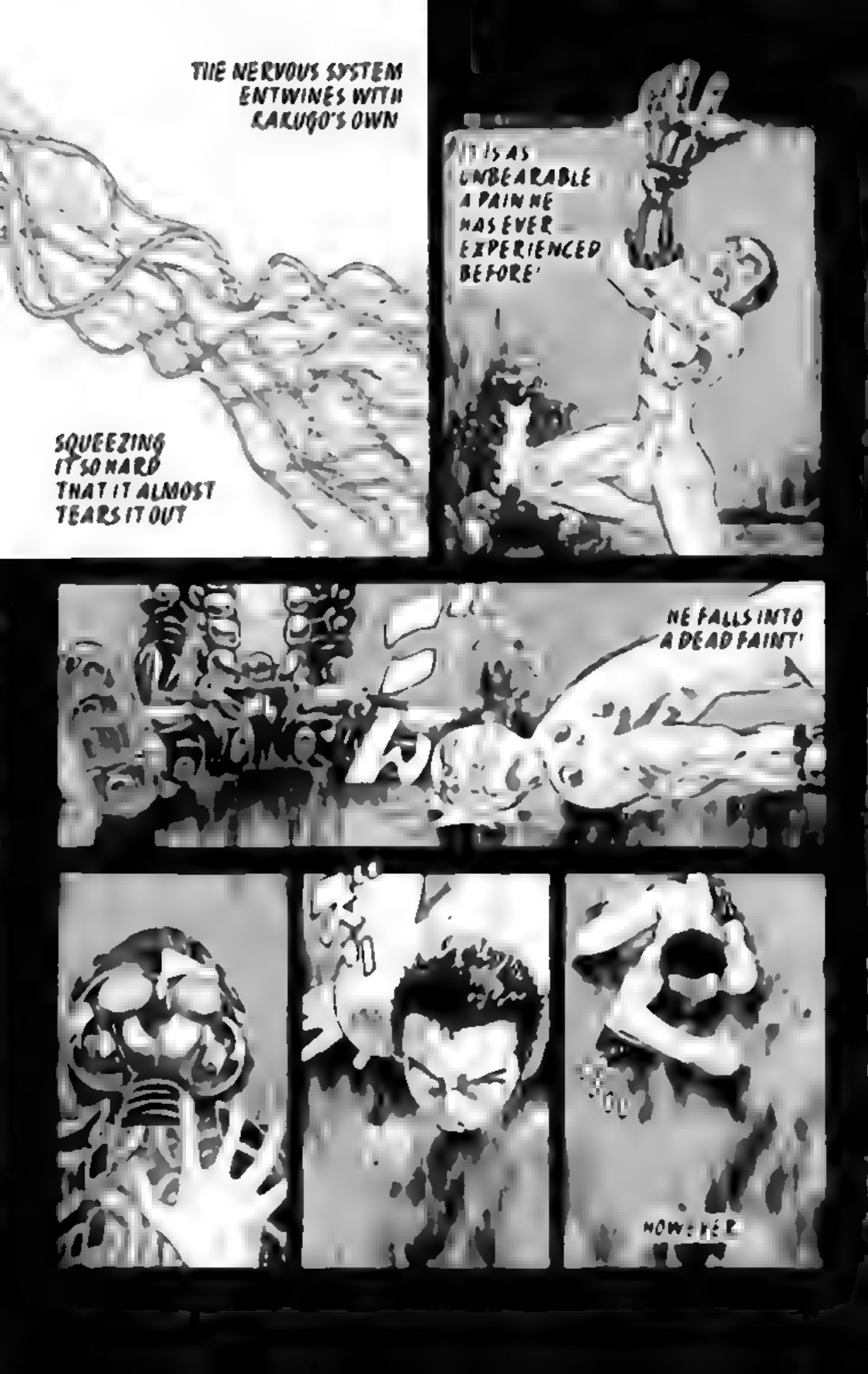
THE NERVOUS SYSTEM ENTWINES WITH KAKUGO'S OWN
SQUEEZING IT SO HARD THAT IT ALMOST TEARS IT OUT
IT IS AS UNBEARABLE A PAIN HE HAS EVER EXPERIENCED BEFORE!
HE FALLS INTO A DEAD FAINT!
HOWEVER

WHAT'S NEXT?
WHICH PART IS NEXT?
THE WORD "KAKUGO" MEANS SUPERNATURAL DETERMINATION A DETERMINATION TO WITHSTAND PAIN AND SUFFERING

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THE IMPACT OF PUTTING JUST THE LEFT ARM ON KNOCKED HIM UNCONSCIOUS!
'IT IS CLEAR WHAT COULD HAPPEN TO HIM IF HE PUT ON ALL THE SECTIONS'
DEATH!
BUT SURPRISINGLY
AT THAT MOMENT KAKUGO WAS NOT THINKING ABOUT HIMSELF AT ALL
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ZERO!
THE SYMPATHY HE FEELS FOR THE DISASSEMBLED ZERO IS GREATER THAN HIS CONCERN FOR HIMSELF!
I WILL EQUIP YOU AND PUT YOU BACK TOGETHER!
I WILL PUT YOU BACK TOGETHER!

HIS ATTITUDE CAN NO LONGER BE DESCRIBED AS COMPASSION
ONLY A TRUE WARRIOR WHO HAS NO FEAR OF DEATH! CAN DEVOTE HIMSELF SO

HE WAS ABLE TO ENDURE THE PAIN
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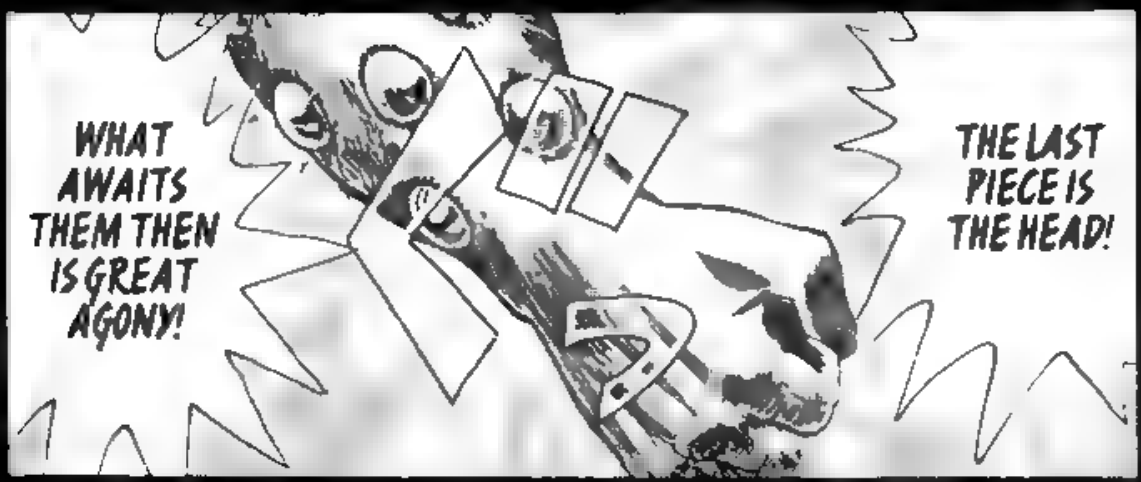
"YOU ARE WORTHY!"
ZERO SEEMS TO SPEAK....

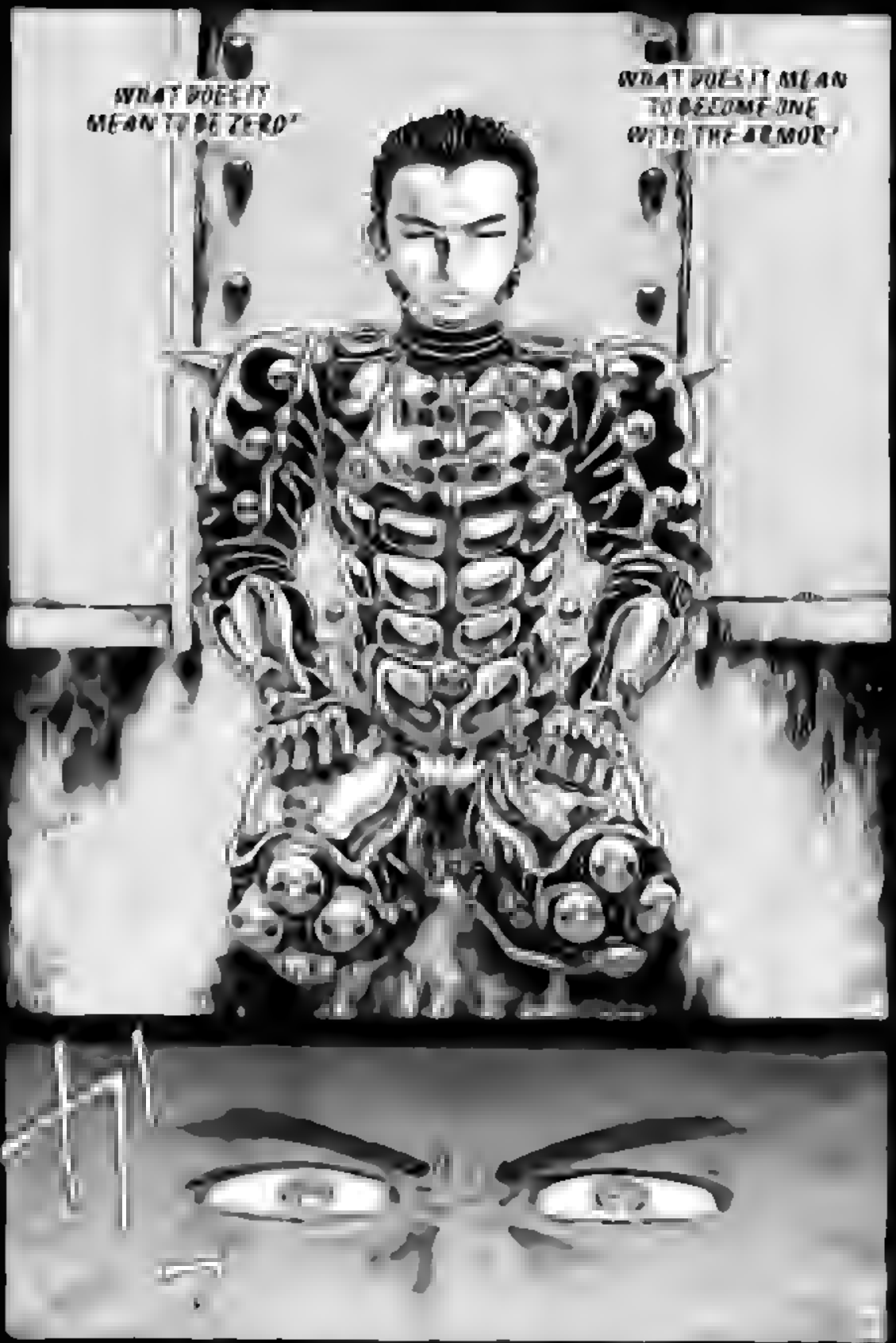
IT'S BEEN MORE THAN 10 DAYS SINCE THEIR FATHER STARTED PRAYING IN THE SUB ZERO TEMPERATURE.

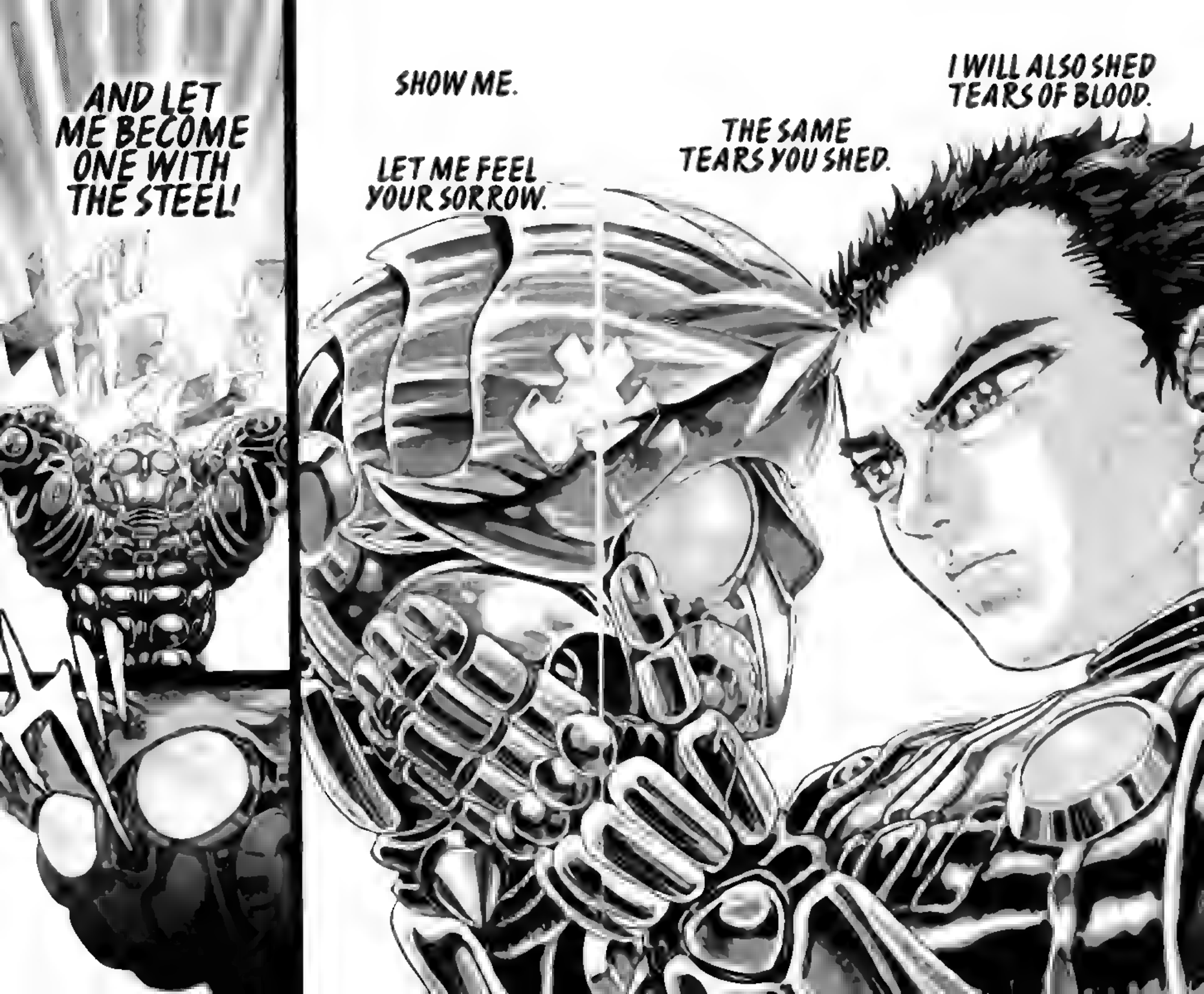
I CAN FEEL IT...
BOTH KAKUGO AND HARARA SUCCEEDED IN EQUIPPING THEMSELVES IN THE ARMOR...


WHAT AWAITS THEM THEN IS GREAT AGONY!
THE LAST PIECE IS THE HEAD!

I, OBORO, BESEECH GOD FROM THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART...
PLEASE LET MY CHILDREN BECOME ONE WITH THE LIVING ARMOR SAFELY!

THE FOR-TIFIED ARMOR SUIT IS ARMOR WITH A WILL
AND "ZERO'S WILL" WILL BE REVEALED WHEN I PUT THE HEAD ON.


WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE ZERO?
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BECOME ONE WITH THE ARMOR?


AND LET ME BECOME ONE WITH THE STEEL!
SHOW ME.
LET ME FEEL YOUR SORROW.
THE SAME TEARS YOU SHED.
I WILL ALSO SHED TEARS OF BLOOD.

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TEARS: OF BLOOD
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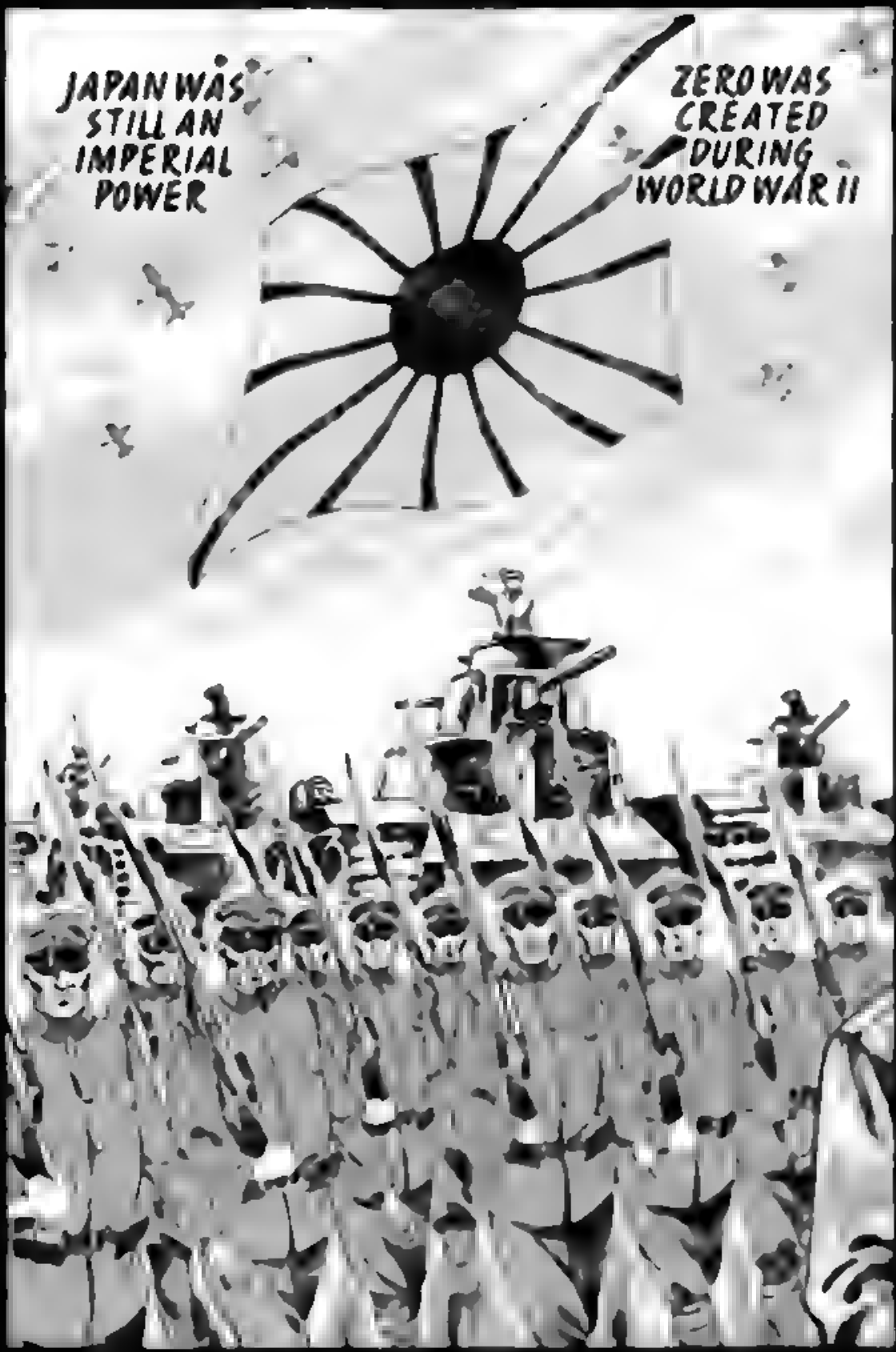
W-WHAT ARE THESE CORPSES!?
WE ARE THE WILL OF ZERO!


JAPAN WAS STILL AN IMPERIAL POWER
ZERO WAS CREATED DURING WORLD WAR II

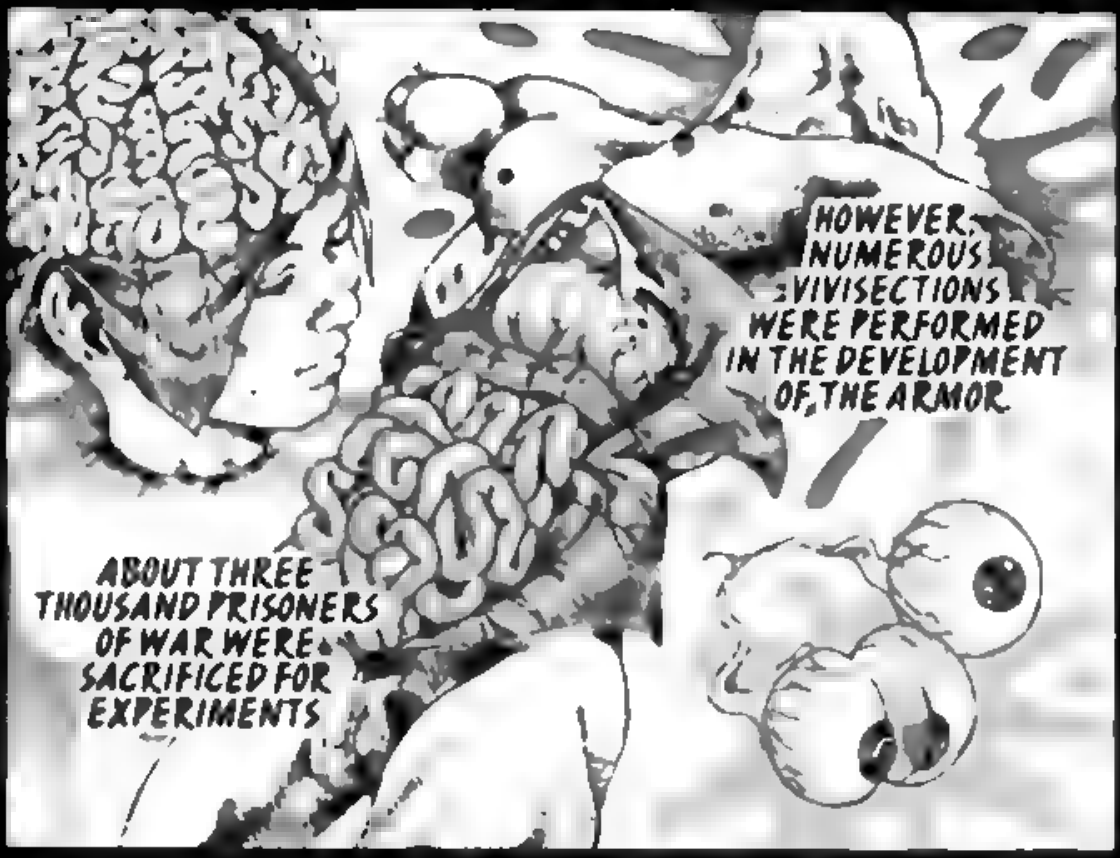
THUS, WE ARE DESTINED TO RULE THE WORLD!
THE JAPANESE ARE SUPERIOR TO OTHER RACES!
THE INSTANT DEATH SECRET SQUAD LED BY SHIROU HAGARURE, WAS WORKING ON FOUR EXPERIMENTS TO TURN A HUMAN BEING INTO A POWERFUL WEAPON

BY MAKING THE POTENTIAL ABILITY OF MANKIND INCREASING IT BEYOND ITS BOUNDS, ONE CAN MASTER THE ULTIMATE WEAPON WHICH ALLOWS HIM TO PERFORM A KILL WITH A SINGLE TOUCH
ZERO FORM DEFENSE!

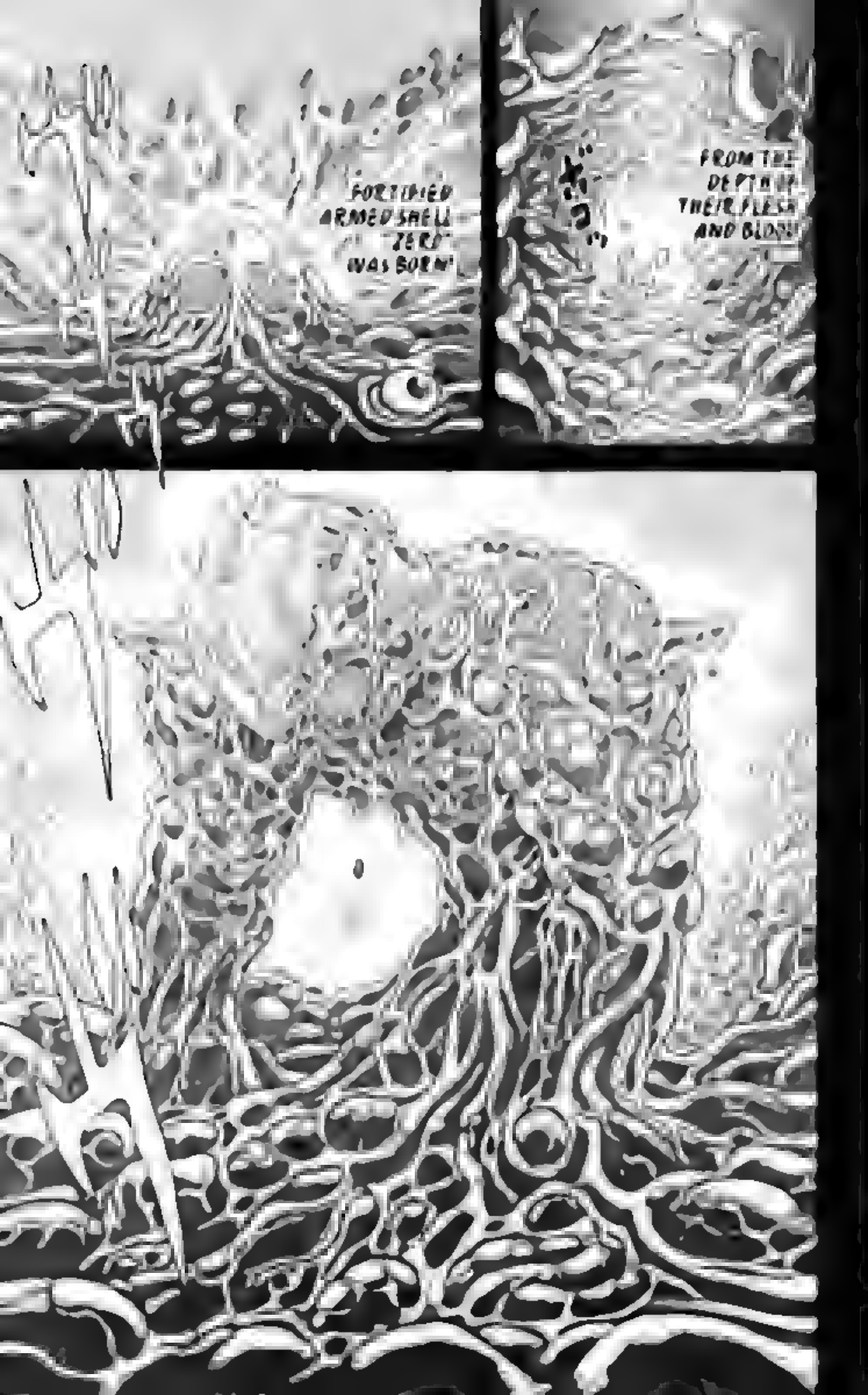
AFTER MANY MUTATIONS THE FIGHTING CAPACITY OF THE LIVING WEAPON WAS MAKING ZEO
TACTICAL FIEND!

THE SPECIAL METAL CAN TRANSFORM ONE'S SKIN INTO STEEL AND REFLECT BULLETS
ZERO FORM IRON BALLS!

FORTIFIED. ARMORED SHELL!
AND LAST!
HEAT-RESISTANT, BULLETPROOF, POISON-PROOF ARMOR! WITH THIS STRATEGIC WEAPON, ONE COULD EVEN BRING DOWN A COUNTRY!


HOWEVER, NUMEROUS VIVISECTIONS WERE PERFORMED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARMOR.
ABOUT THREE THOUSAND PRISONERS OF WAR WERE SACRIFICED FOR EXPERIMENTS

THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS WERE IGNORED, WITHOUT AGE OR SEX, THEY WERE REFERRED TO MERELY BY NUMBER; RAW MATERIALS FOR THE EXPERIMENT.


FORTIFIED ARMED SHELL "ZERO" WAS BORN!
FROM THE DEPTHS OF THEIR FLESH AND BLOOD!

THE TEARS OF BLOOD ZERO SHEDS ARE THEIR TEARS OF BLOOD!
ZERO'S WILL IS THEIR PAIN!

AAAH...
KAKUGO SAW THE ARMOR'S HISTORY!
UGGGHHH...
UGGH!

THE MEANING OF THE TEARS OF BLOOD!
YOU UNDER-STAND NOW, DON'T YOU?
YOU ARE INDEED A MOST WORTHY WARRIOR!
YOU HAVE SUCH DEEP CARING
I HAVEN'T UNDER-STOOD YET!
NO!

UHAA!
HAA-AH!
WHAT!?

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UGGHHH!
I'M NOT FEELING ENOUGH PAIN!
IT'S NOT ENOUGH!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?

MY PAIN IS NOT EVEN ONE TEN THOUSANDTH OF THE PAIN YOU SUFFER!

STOP IT! KAKUGO HAGAKURE!
STOP IT!
TO SHED THE SAME TEARS AS YOURS, I MUST SUFFER THE SAME PAIN
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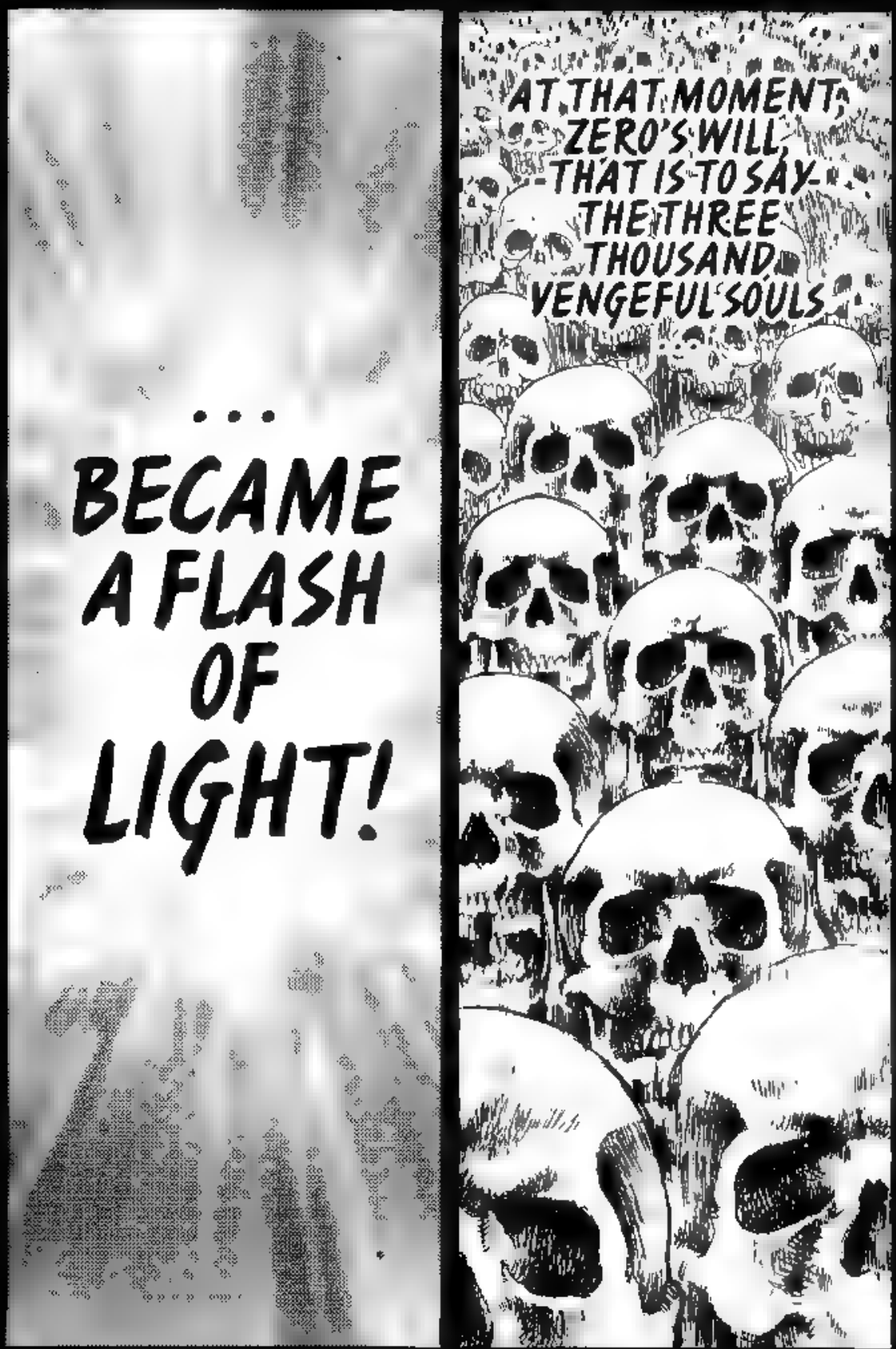
THEY ARE BEAUTIFUL TEARS OF BLOOD!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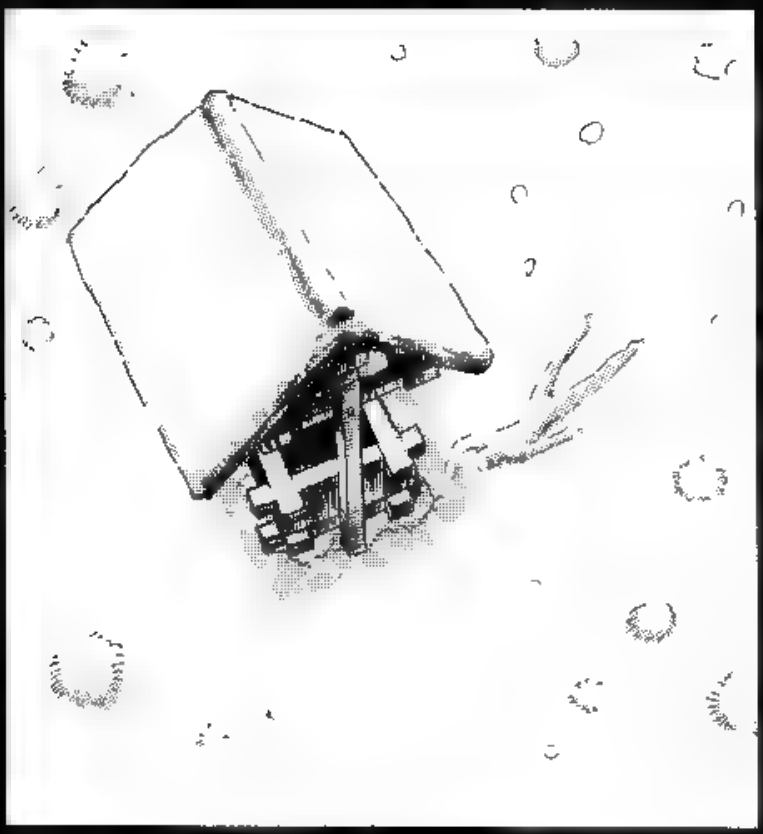
BECAME A FLASH OF LIGHT!
AT THAT MOMENT, ZERO'S WILL -THAT IS TO SAY- THE THREE THOUSAND VENGEFUL SOULS



IT WAS THE NINETIETH DAY SINCE HARARA AND KAKUGO ENTERED THE CELL.

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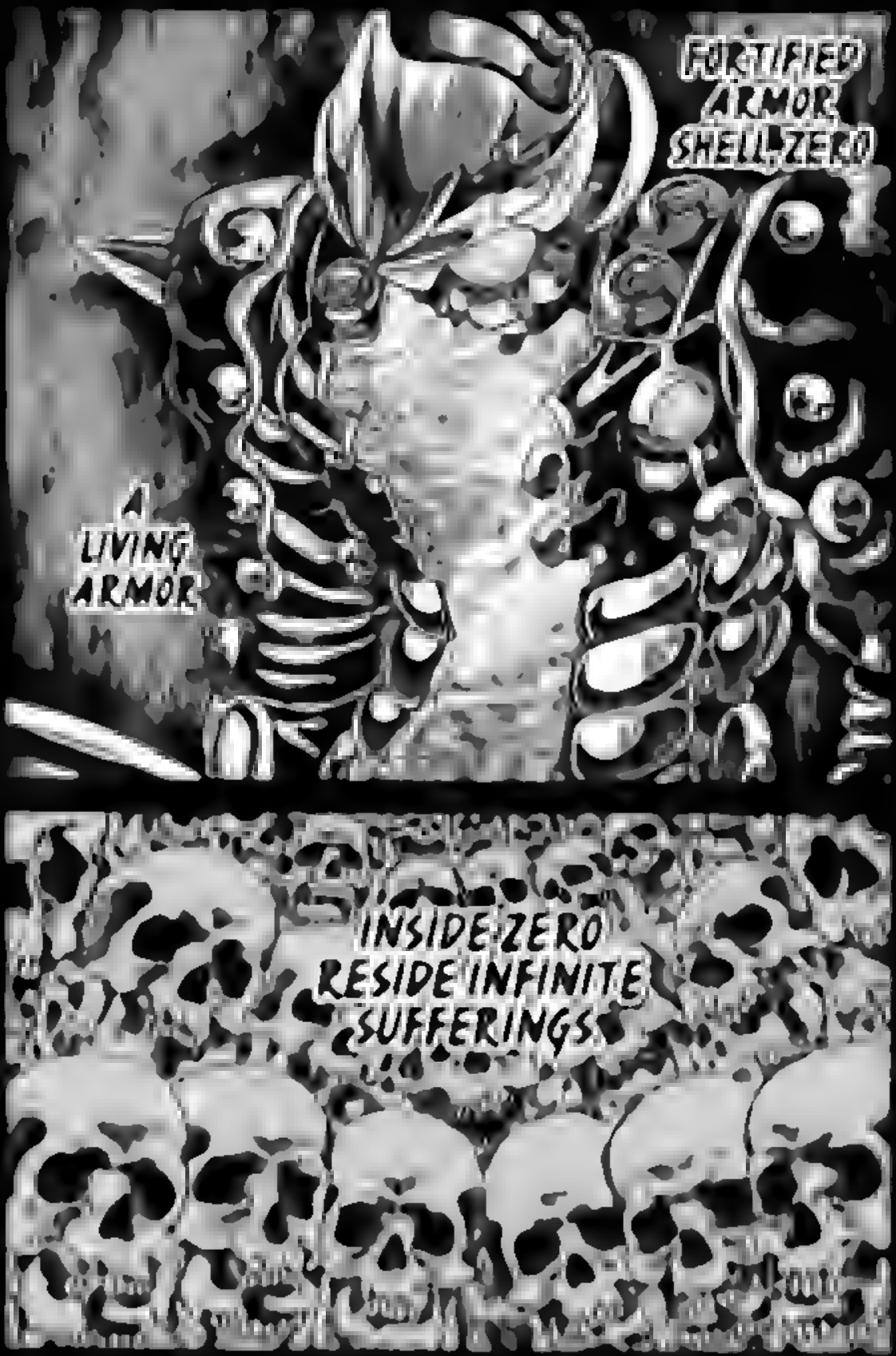
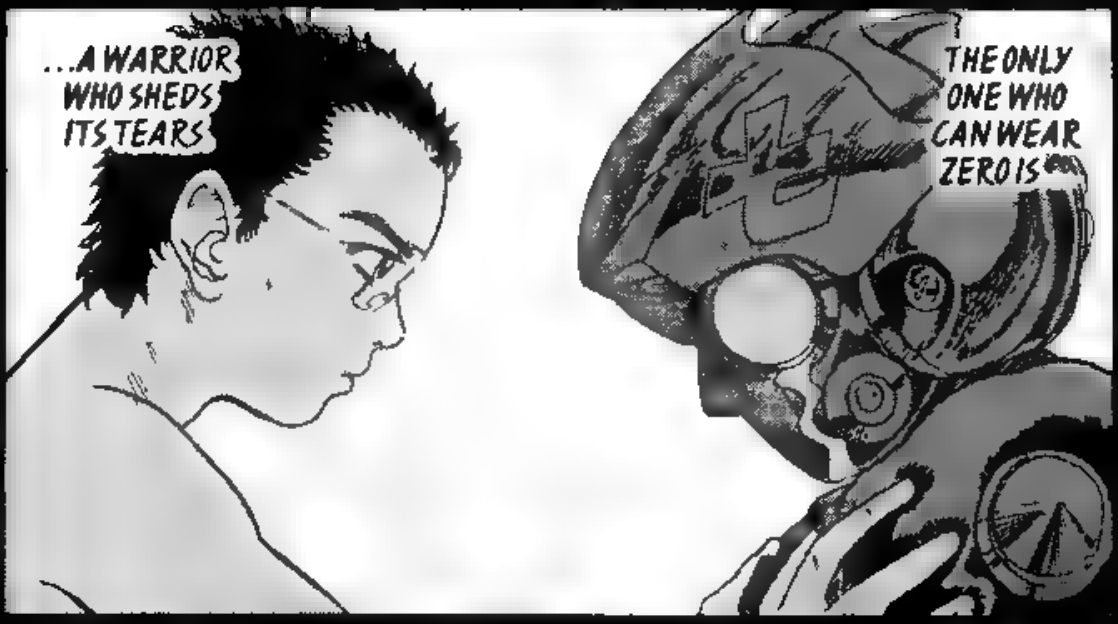
EPISODE FIFTEEN, JUSTICE IS BORN


FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL ZERO
A LIVING ARMOR
INSIDE ZERO RESIDE INFINITE SUFFERINGS



KAKUGO'S COMPASSION TURNS ZERO'S PAIN INTO A WARM LIGHT!

ARMING COMPLETED!
THEIR HEARTS BECAME ONE!

NO ONE HAS THE RIGHT TO CALL A HUMAN AN OBJECT!
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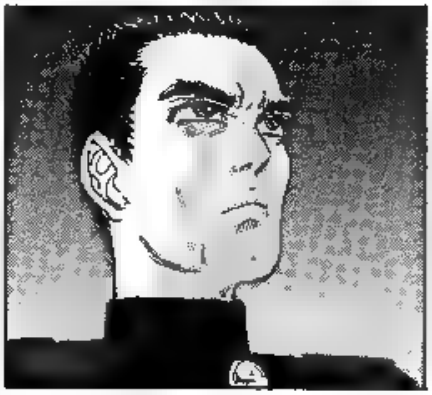
JUSTICE



PHEW..

NOW TELL US ABOUT THE MONSTER YOU FOUGHT.
OKAY, SO WE KNOW A LITTLE BIT ABOUT YOU NOW. .
HAGAKURE.
BESIDES THE MONSTER THAT ATTACKED THE SCHOOL .
...I HEARD THAT A MAN-EATING MONSTER ATTACKED HAOKA AND HORIE.
. IT IS MOST LIKELY THAT THOSE TWO MONSTERS WERE .
I DO NOT KNOW MUCH ABOUT IT, HOWEVER .

HARARA?
ISN'T HE YOUR...
YES, HE IS MY BROTHER.
...TACTICAL FIENDS SPAWNED BY H'ARARA!
...CREATED TO SERVE THE NEW EMPIRE...

EVEN IF THE EARTH
GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL
LOSES ITS WILL TO LIVE

TSUMIKO!
...THE SONG OF COURAGE.
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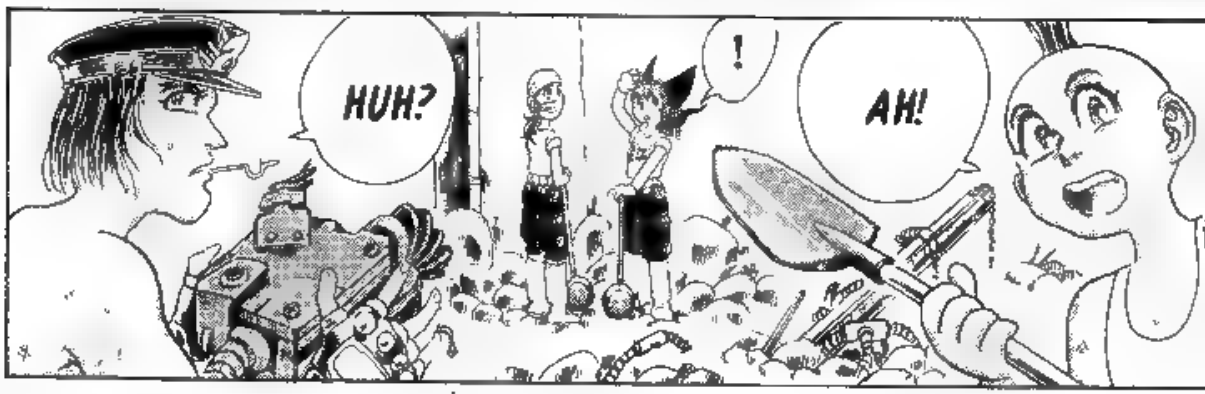
JUST REMEMBER
YEAH, SEEMS LIKE HE'S GOT SOME DARK SECRET IN HIS PAST
HE'S BEING EXAMINED RIGHT NOW.
LISTEN, THAT BOY YOU HAVE A CRUSH ON, HAGAKURE
EXAMINED?
IT'S NOT DIFFERENT.
THE WORLD HE LIVES IN MAY BE VERY DIFFERENT FROM THE WORLD WE LIVE IN
YOU CAN SEE IN HIS EYES THAT HE'S SUFFERING

EVERYONE HAS THEIR FLAWS.
HE ISN'T SOMEONE WHO LIVES ABOVE THE CLOUDS.


HUH?
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AH!

IT'S HAGAKURE!
HAGAKURE!

LOOK AT THIS TRAGEDY.
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I AM BACK FROM MY INTERVIEW.
WHAT THE HELL TOOK SO SONG?
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...WHY DON'T YOU TRANSFORM YOURSELF INTO A SUPER HERO AND CLEAN UP THIS MESS AT ONCE?
IF YOU KNOW THAT ..
WHOSE FAULT IS THIS?
MINE.
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YES, SIR.?
YES, SIR.

THAT FORM IS...
AAH!
H-HEY
ENGAGE!
AAAAH!

HE REALLY DID IT
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IT'S THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, ZERO!
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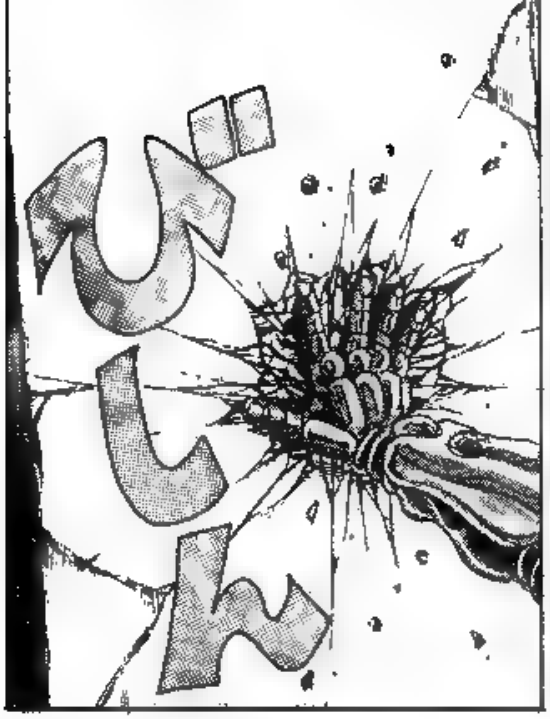
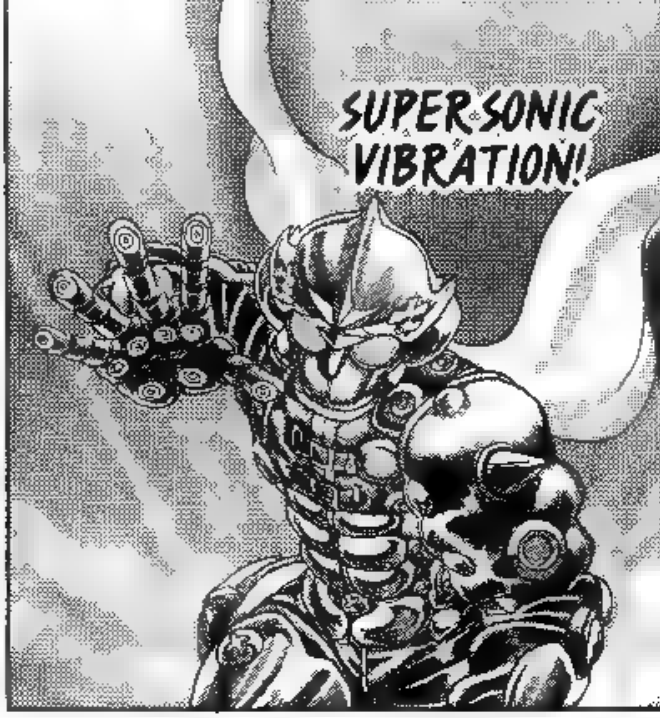
Y-YES!
MISS HORIE, PLEASE STAND BACK.

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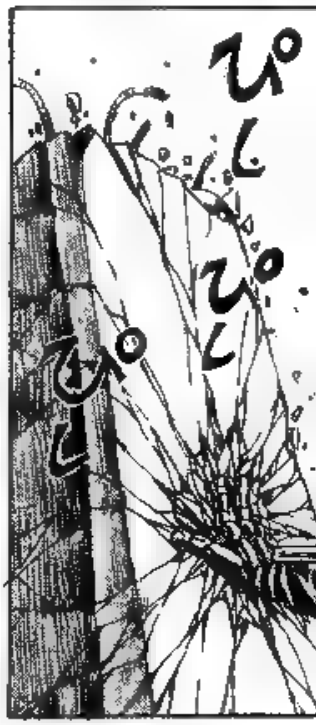

HE BROKE THE CONCRETE PILLARS INTO PIECES!
COOL!
OH!

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ULTRA VIOLET WAVE!
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HE CUT THROUGH THOSE STEEL BEAMS LIKE BUTTER!
MY GOSH, HE'S SO COOL!

JUSTICE HAS COME TO GYAKUJUJI!
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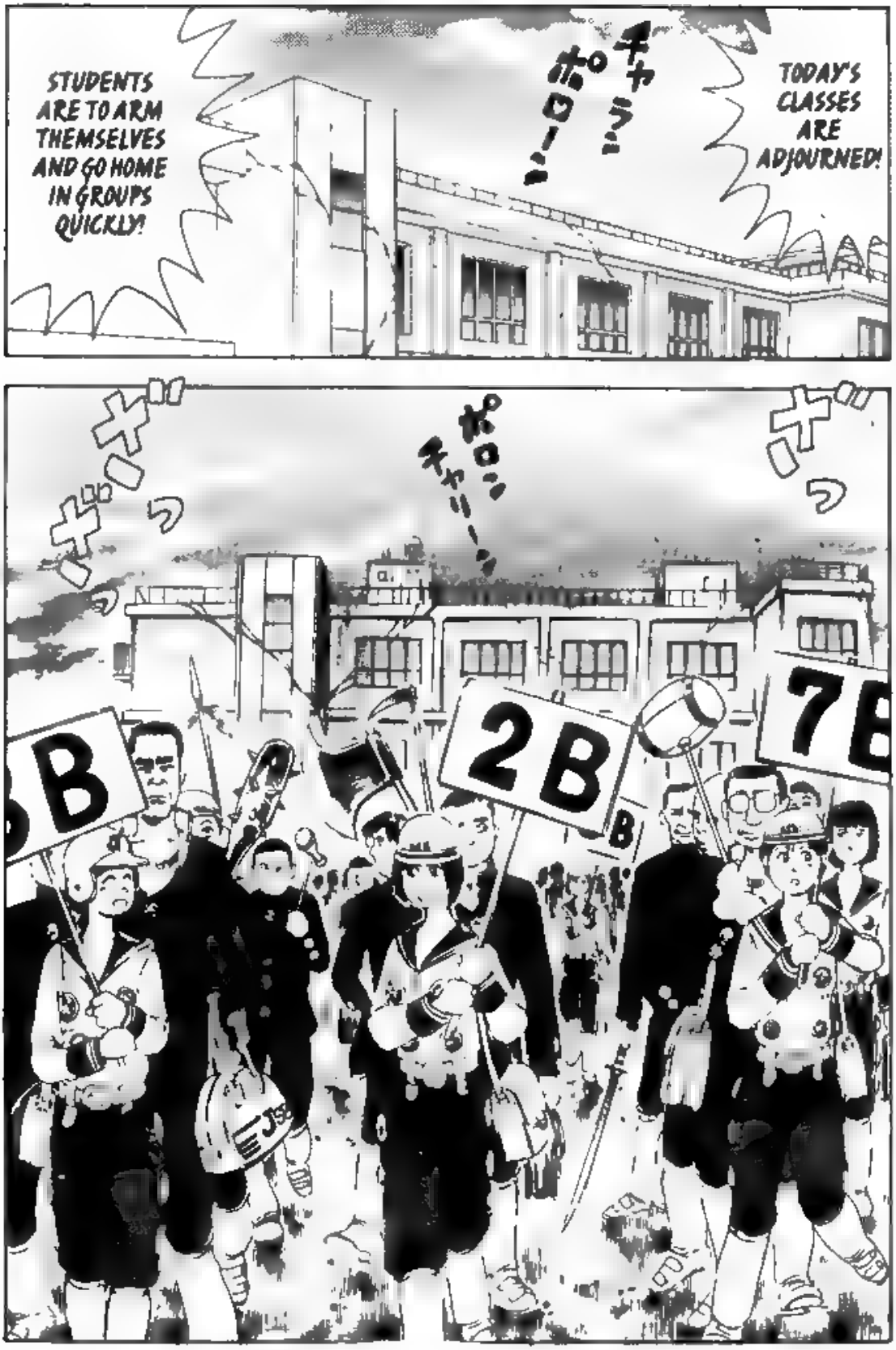
STUDENTS ARE TO ARM THEMSELVES AND GO HOME IN GROUPS QUICKLY!
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TODAY'S CLASSES ARE ADJOURNED!
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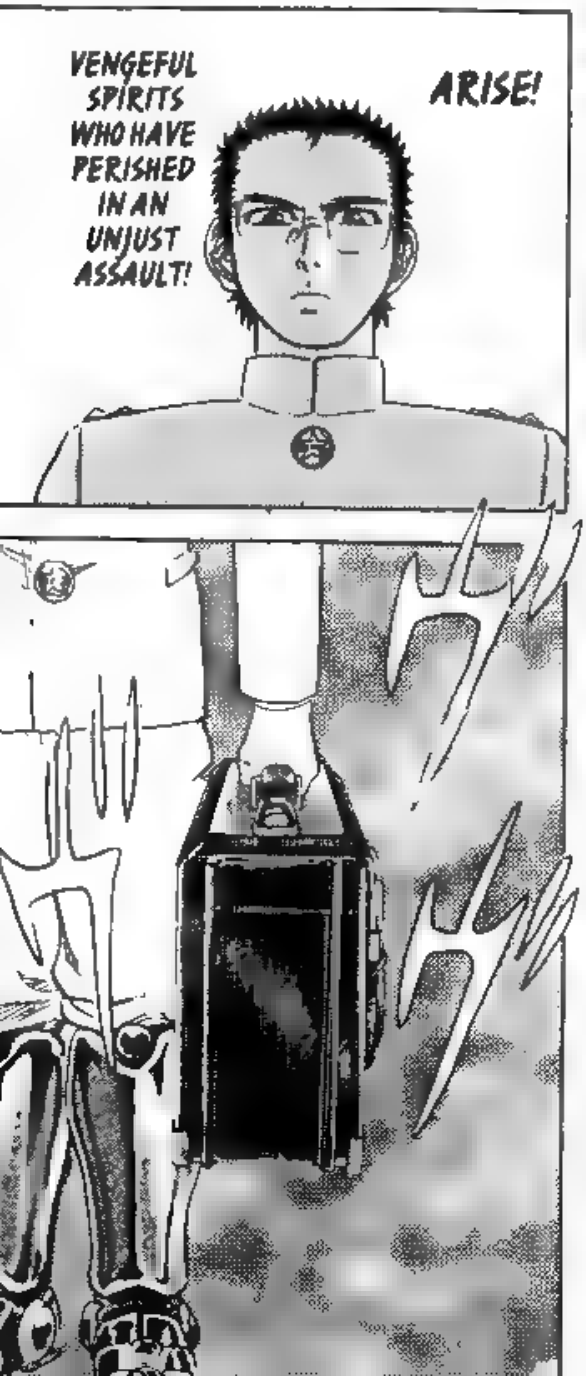
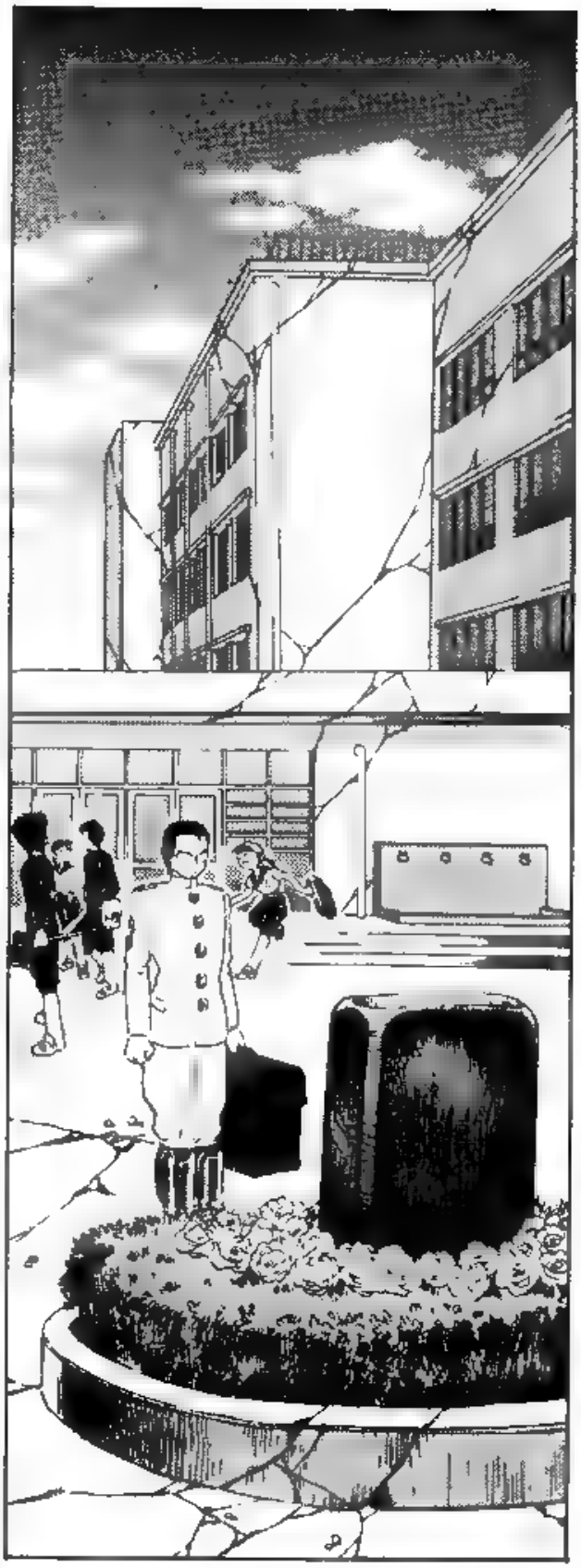
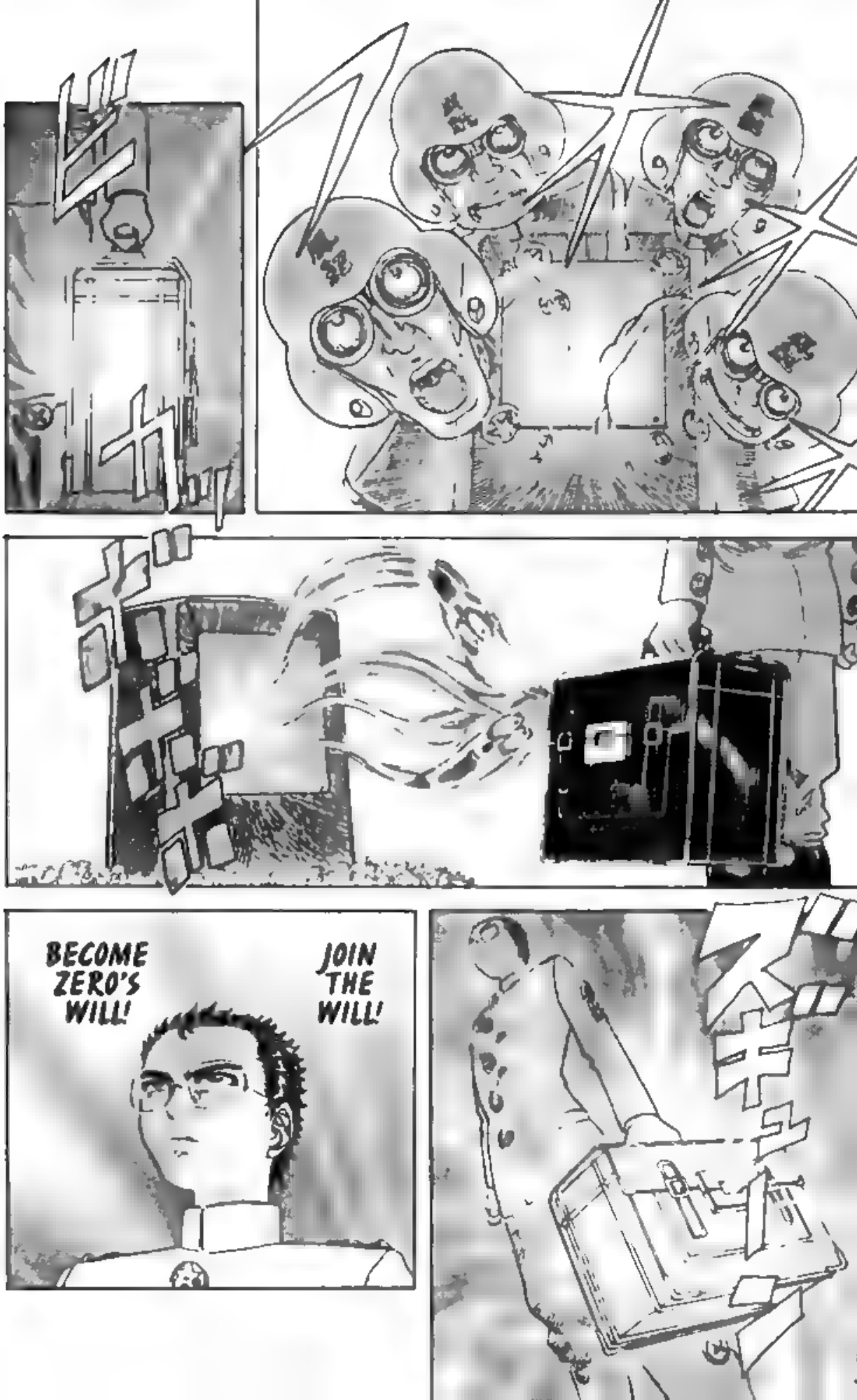
MAY THESE FOUR BRAVE STUDENTS WHO FOUGHT FOR OUR SCHOOL REST IN PEACE.


VENGEFUL SPIRITS WHO HAVE PERISHED IN AN UNJUST ASSAULT!
ARISE!




BECOME ZERO'S WILL!
JOIN THE WILL!

I CAN'T BELIEVE IT.
WHAT POWER!
JUST AS I EXPECTED FROM HAGAKURE, HE'S THE BEST!
HE CLEARED AWAY ALL THE DEBRIS OF THE POOL IN JUST HALF A DAY.
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ARRGH!
I WANT ARMOR, TOO!
YOU'RE SO COOL, HAGAKURE.
YOU, TOO, ZERO.

WE GOTTA HURRY UP AND GET HOME BEFORE THE SUN GOES DOWN!
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PYON-SUKE!
HORIE!
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BESIDES, THERE ARE ONLY FOUR OF US IN OUR GROUP.
THERE ARE MONSTERS IN THIS CITY.
THAT HURT!
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO PULL MY RIBBON!
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HAGA-KURE!
HAGA-KURE!
!
I WILL ACCOMPANY YOU.

HEHE...

HEHE..

HEHE ..

HAGAKURE IS RIGHT BEHIND ME.
I'M SO HAPPY!♥
THIS FEELS GREAT!
AND ZERO IS WITH HIM, TOO. ♥
BRING IT ON, MONSTERS!
WE CAN GO HOME IN PEACE!
NOTHING CAN HURT US NOW!
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WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU, HAOKA.
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IT'S YOU!

GET THAT BIG FACE AWAY FROM ME!
HAOKA BEAT THE CRAP OUT OF THE GUY WITH THE WEIRD SPECS BEFORE

THEY ARE THE SCUM OF THE CITY.
ARE THEY FRIENDS OF HIS?

HAHA!

HAOKA!
I'LL PAY YOU BACK FOR LAST TIME!

HUH?
I HAVE A SECRET WEAPON ON MY SIDE!
YOU PATHETIC FOOLS!
GO! ENGAGE!
ALL RIGHT, HAGAKURE! LET'S KICK THEIR BUTTS!
UH-OH.
YOUR OPPONENT IS CHALLENGING YOU TO SINGLE COMBAT
I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS.

YOU ARE MY FRIEND AND THAT'S WHY WE WILL WATCH OVER YOU FROM HERE.
I'M YOUR FRIEND, AREN'T I?
YOU'RE SHITTING ME!
YOU MOTHER-
YOU'VE GOT SOME FRIENDS! HAOKA!
AHAHAHA!
IT IS JUST THE NATURE OF WEAKLINGS TO ATTACK IN NUMBERS.
COME ON, HAGAKURE! THERE ARE THREE OF THEM!

THEY'VE GOT WEAPONS!
WE'LL DICE N' SLICE!
AAAAH!
IT SHOWS THEY RESPECT YOUR SKILL.
GGH!
DAMN YOU, HAGAKURE!

SHIT!
EAT THIS!
EVERYONE HAS BLOOD RUNNING THROUGH THEIR VEINS.
HE'S BLEEDING!
NO!
AH!
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TAKE THIS!
FGH!

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MY ASS!
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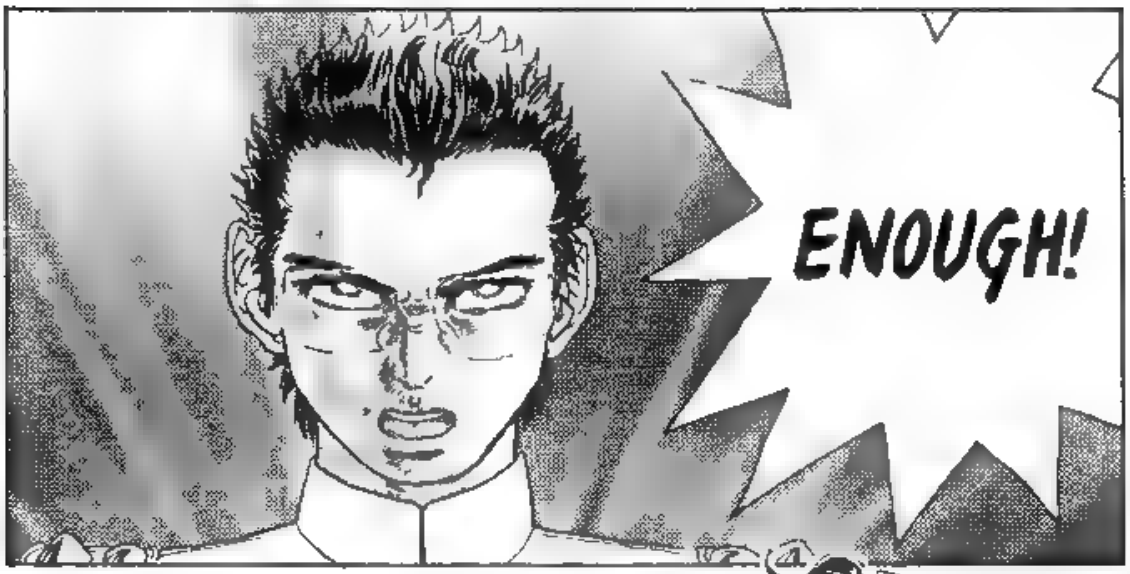
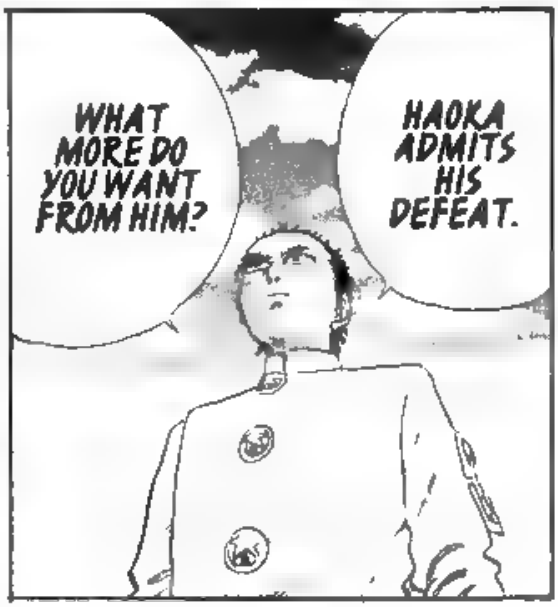
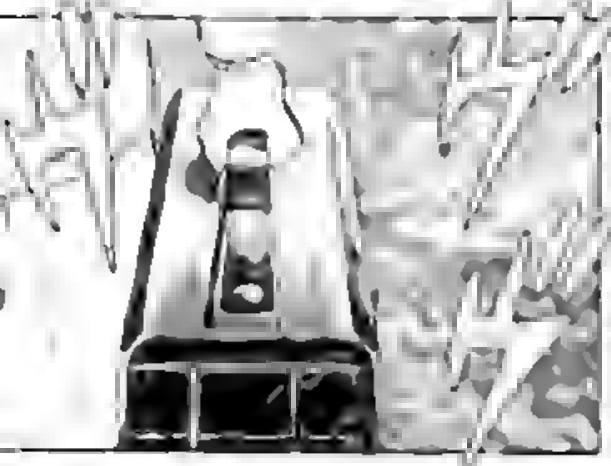
SERVES YOU RIGHT!


ENOUGH!

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING!


WHAT MORE DO YOU WANT FROM HIM?
HAOKA ADMITS HIS DEFEAT.

HE'LL BE OUR PLAYTHING!
THE FUN PART HAS JUST STARTED!



PLAYTHING

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ZERO

NO ONE SHOULD BE TREATED LIKE AN OBJECT!

SULFURIC ACID!
HUH!?
WHAT THE FUCK IS HE?
WE'D BETTER RUN!

IF YOU WERE GONNA TRANSFORM IN THE END ANYWAY
WHY DIDN'T YOU SAVE ME SOONER?
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YO, NAGAKURE!
ARE YOU OKAY?
IT WAS NOT MY DECISION.
IT WAS THE WILL OF ZERO.

EPISODE SEVENTEEN,
MARTIAL LAW
第十七話
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IT SOOTHES ME.
I LOVE IT!
I WROTE IT.
DO YOU LIKE IT?

I CALL IT, "THE MELODY OF LIFE"
HEY!
I HOPE YOU'RE RIGHT!
YOU THINK SO?
MAYBE THIS IS YOUR CALLING, MASAO
REALLY?
A BUD!
IT'S A MIRACLE!

YOU SUCK
YOUR SONG ...
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AAAHH!!
KAORI! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
AH!
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YOU AIN'T GOT NO FEELING FOR ROCK N' ROLL.
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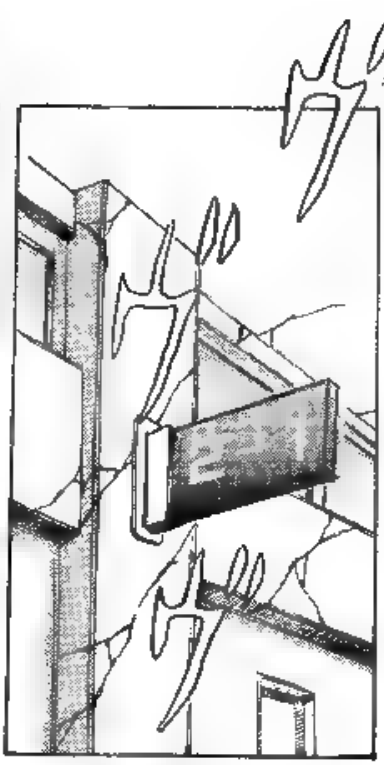
AAAHH!
MASAO!
AAAAA AAAAA AAHHH HHHHH!
YOU'D BE BETTER OFF DEAD!

IT MUST BE ZENIGATA'S SNORING.
IT'S CREEPY
WHAT'S THIS SOUND?



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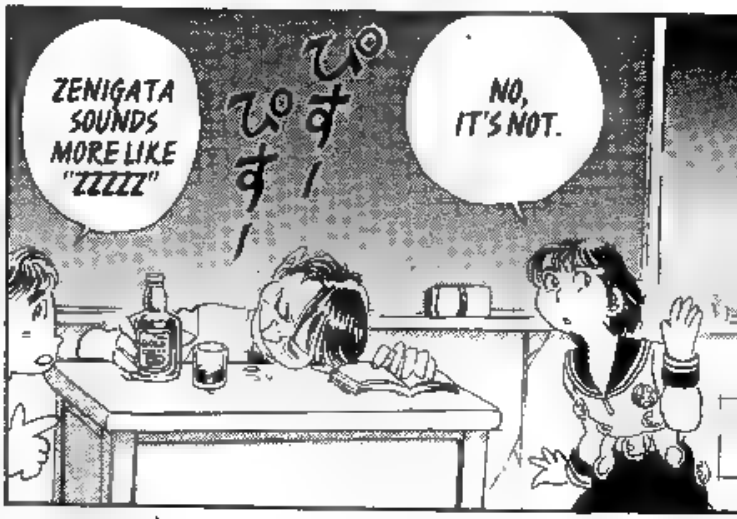
ZENIGATA SOUNDS MORE LIKE "ZZZZZ"
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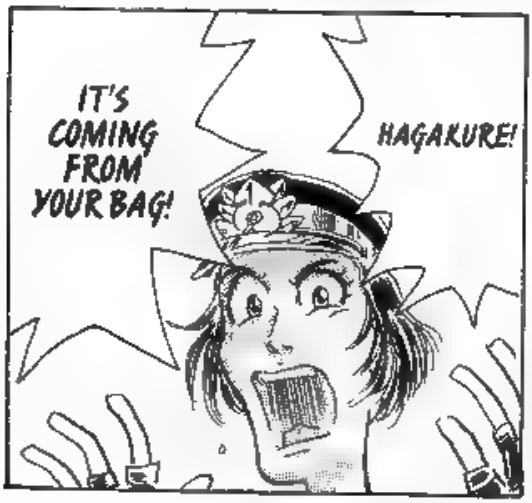
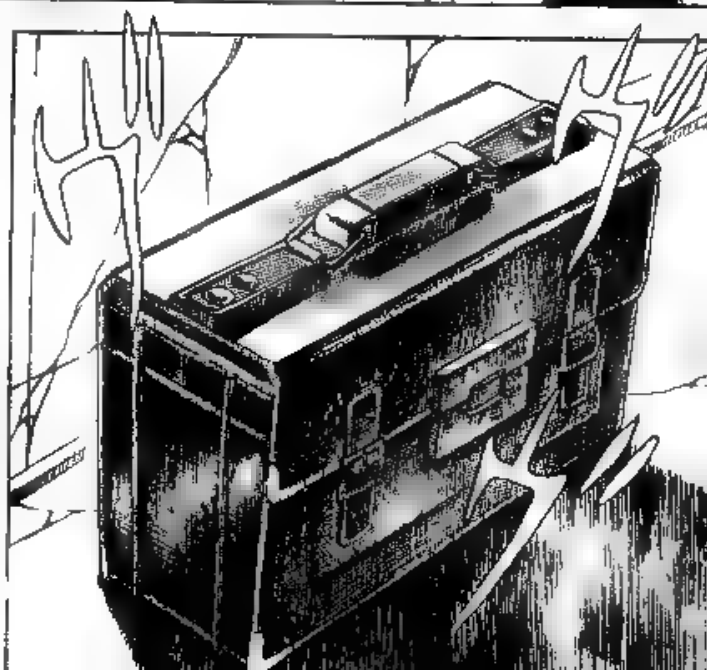
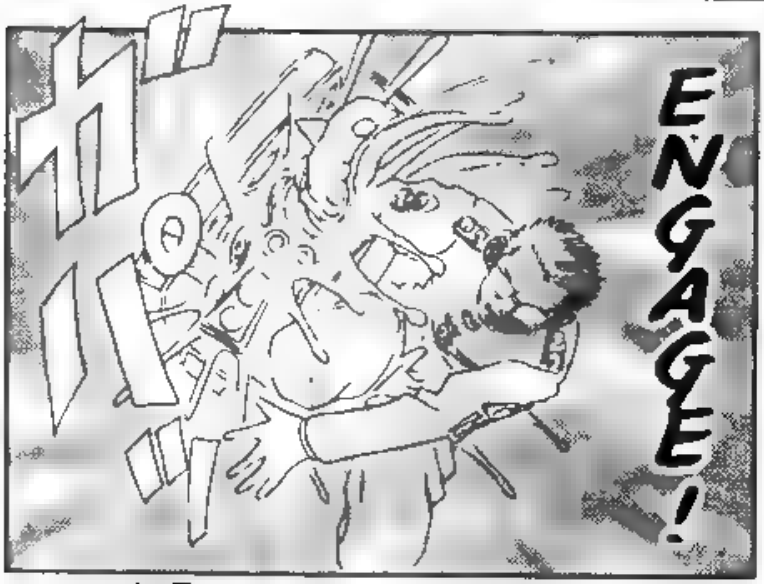
NO, IT'S NOT.


IT'S COMING FROM YOUR BAG!
HAGAKURE!



AN ATTACK IS IN PROGRESS!
ZERO. WHAT IS IT?
WHAT'S THE MATTER, HAGAKURE?
WHO IS HE TALKING TO?
IS THAT TRUE?
WITHIN A 30 METER RADIUS!
H-HEY!
HAGA-KURE!
EEEK!
HE MUST BE TALKING WITH ZERO.
IT'S ZERO!

IT'S SUICIDE!
AAH!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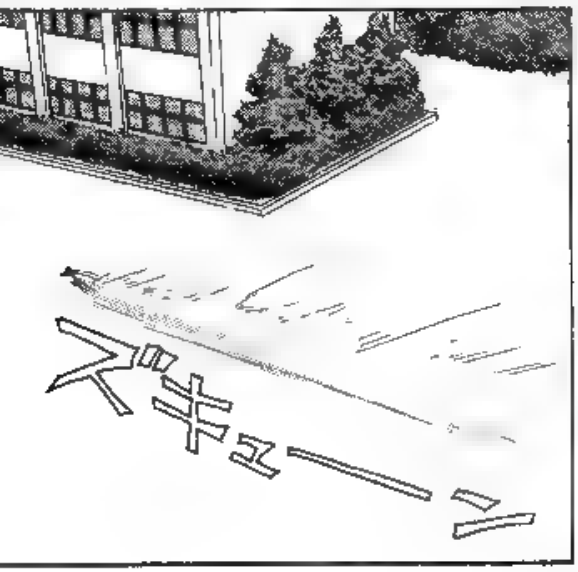
WHY DID HE...
THAT IDIOT!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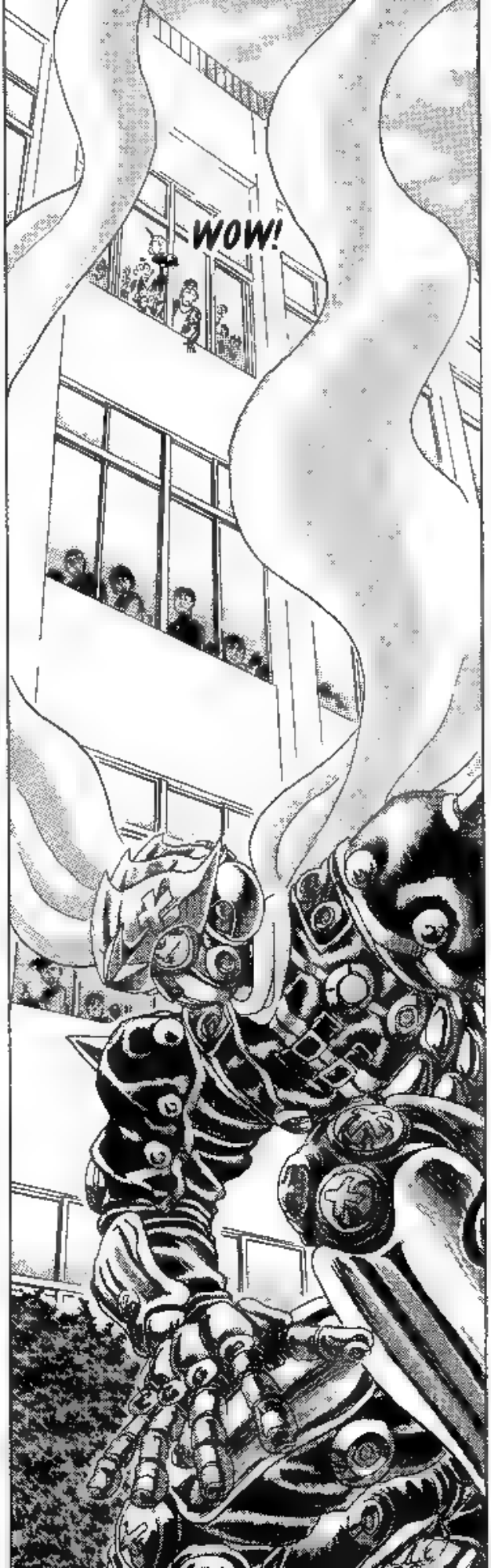
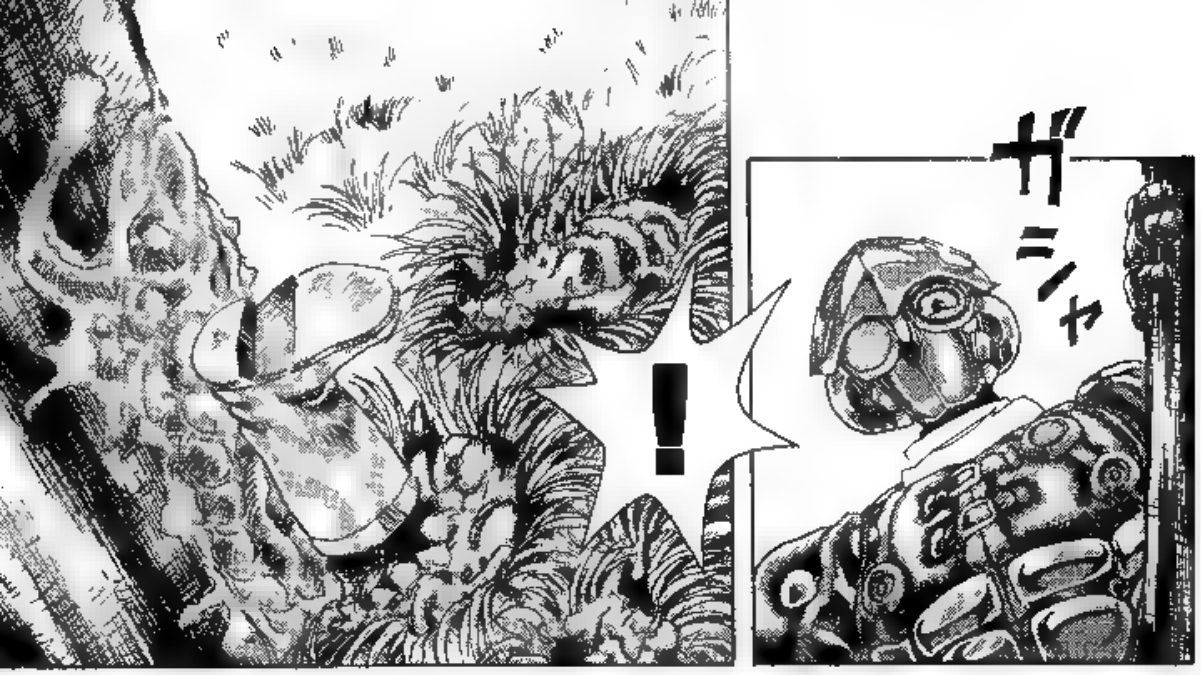
HAGAKURE!
THERE MUST BE TROUBLE SOMEWHERE!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM?


WOW!

HM!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
TELL ME WHAT HAPPENED.
HER MIND IS TOTALLY DESTROYED FROM THE TRAUMA.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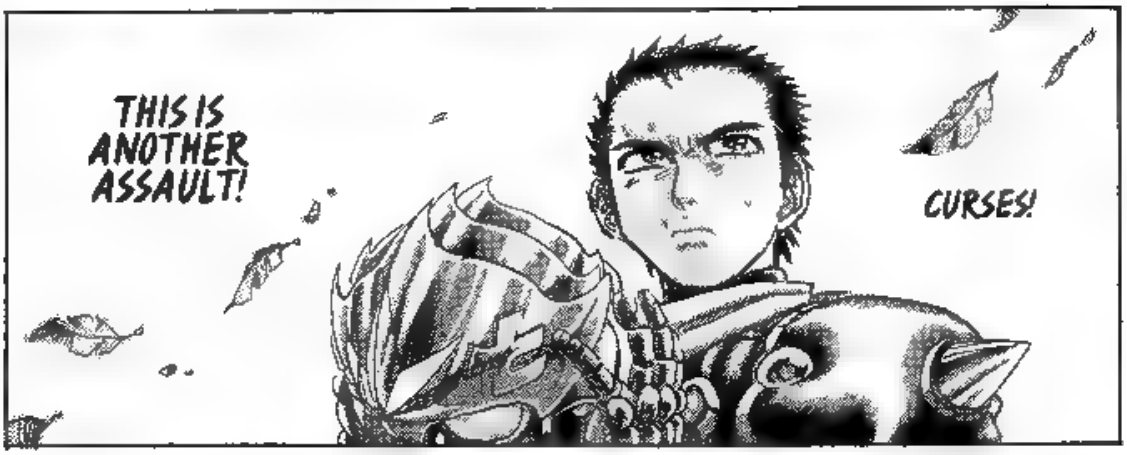
THIS IS ANOTHER ASSAULT!
CURSES!

WH-WHAT HAPPENED?
HAGAKURE!
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DECLARE MARTIAL LAW IMMEDIATELY
IT HAS HAPPENED AGAIN.
A MURDER HAS OCCURRED ON THE SCHOOL GROUNDS!
THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THE ASSAILANT REMAINS ON THE PREMISES!
I'M SCARED!
OH NO!
HEAR THAT? A MURDERER IS ON CAMPUS!
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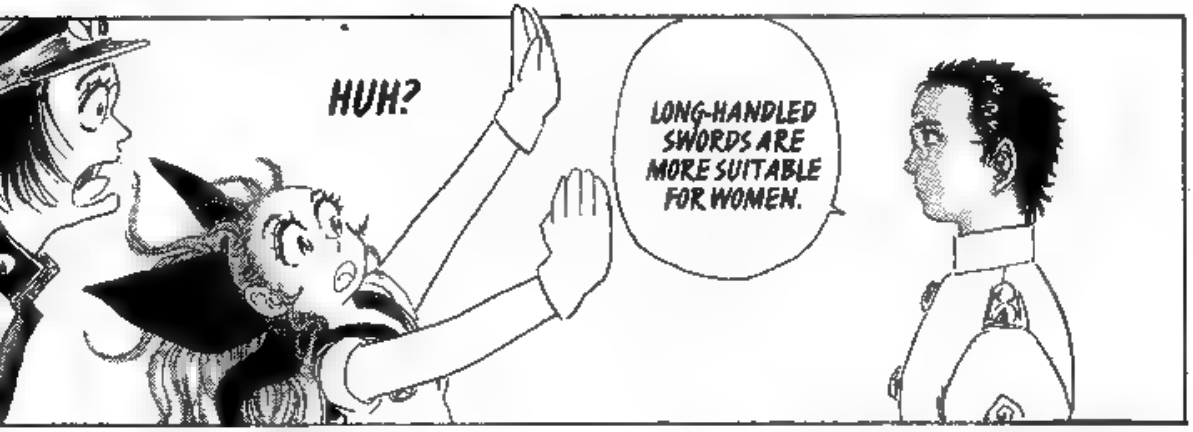
STUDENTS ARE TO ARM THEMSELVES AND GO HOME IN GROUPS AT ONCE!
I WISH I KNEW KARATE LIKE HAGAKURE...
YAH!
WHAT THE...

WOMEN SHOULD BE GRACEFUL.
I TOTALLY AGREE.
HAGA-KURE

HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT IS INAPPROPRIATE FOR WOMEN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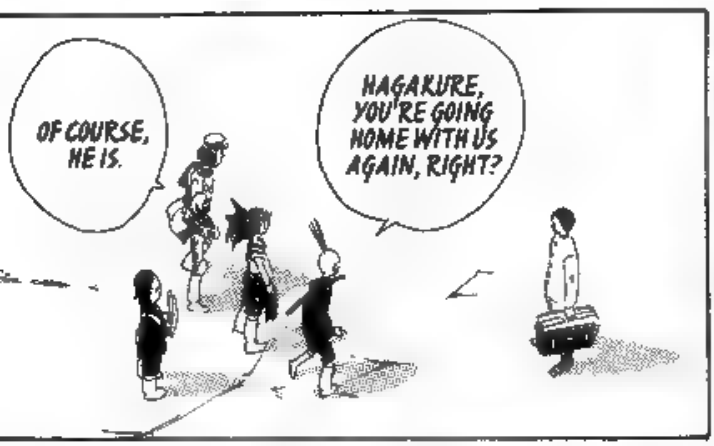
LONG-HANDLED SWORDS ARE MORE SUITABLE FOR WOMEN.


OF COURSE, HE IS.
HAGAKURE, YOU'RE GOING HOME WITH US AGAIN, RIGHT?

I MUST GO INVESTIGATE THE CRIME.

YOU'RE NOT MY FRIEND ANYMORE!
DROP DEAD!
YOU TOO, HAGAKURE.
I LOVE YOU!
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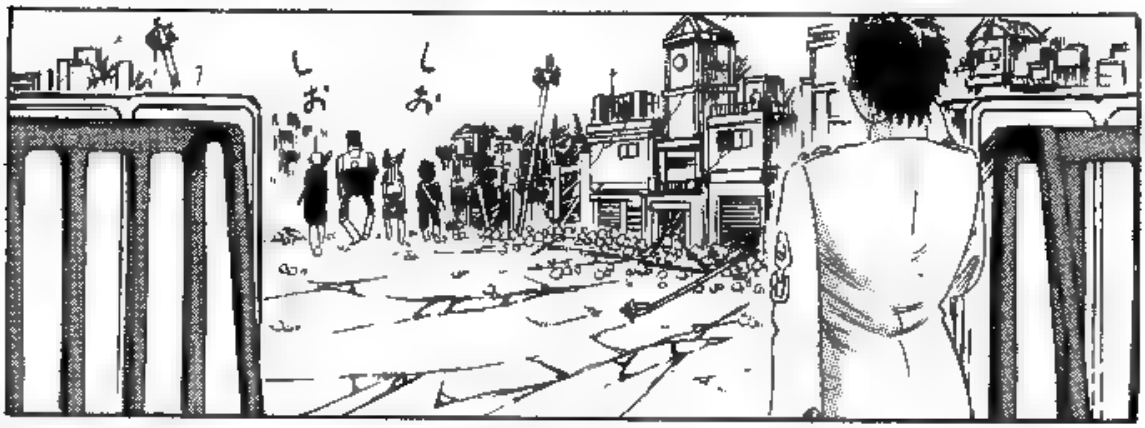
GET HOME SAFELY.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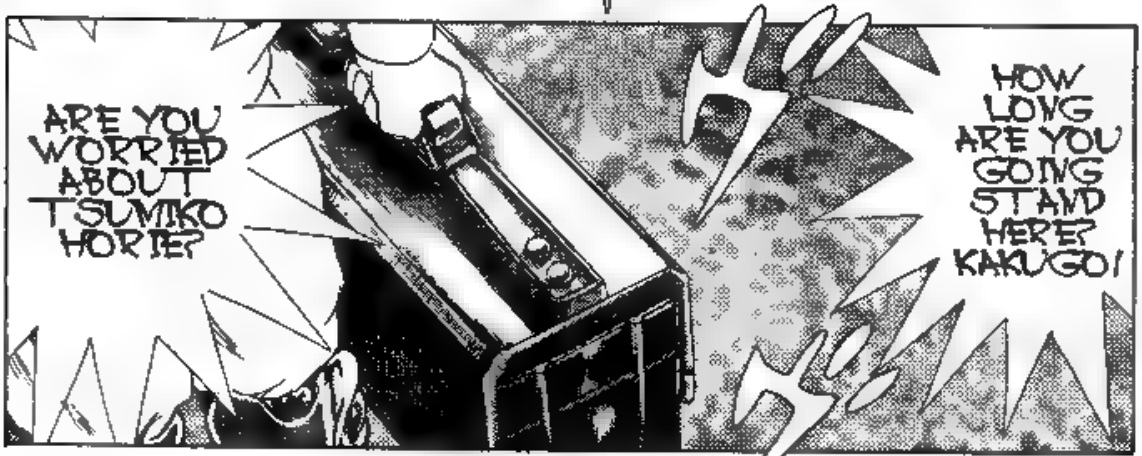
HORIE..


ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT TSUMIKO HORIE?
HOW LONG ARE YOU GOING STAND HERE? KAKUGO!

DO NOT FORGET, KAKUGO!
YOU ARE NOT HERE TO PROTECT ANY SINGLE PERSON!
I'M WORRIED ABOUT EVERYONE!
I'M WELL AWARE OF THAT!
I KNOW!
I MUST NOT LET MY HEART SWAY ME.

GNASH!
GNASH!
NO GOOD...
HE AIN'T GOT NO ROCK N' ROLL.

THOSE LOSERS AT THAT SCHOOL SUCK.
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...LETTING ADULTS TELL THEM HOW TO ACT...
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LIVING BY STUPID RULES...
THEY'VE LOST SOMETHING VERY IMPORTANT.
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PERSONALITY.
ROCK N' ROLL IS ALL ABOUT PERSONALITY.
THAT'S WHY I HATE UNIFORMS!
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I NEED SOME MUNCHIES.
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TACTICAL FIEND
DOKUMAGURO

SERIOUSLY, HAGAKURE IS HISTORY!
WILL YOU STOP SAYING THAT?

AAAAHHHH!
HUH?

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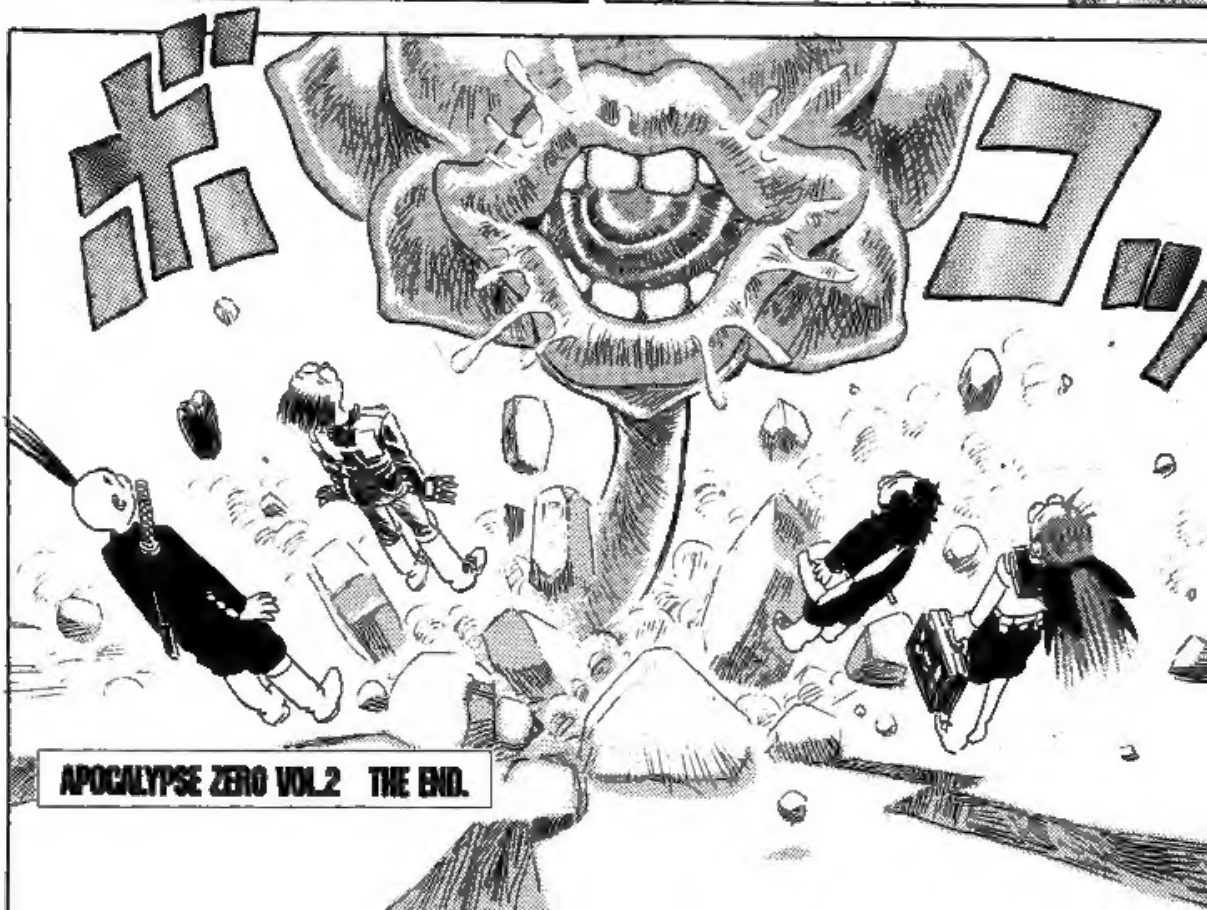
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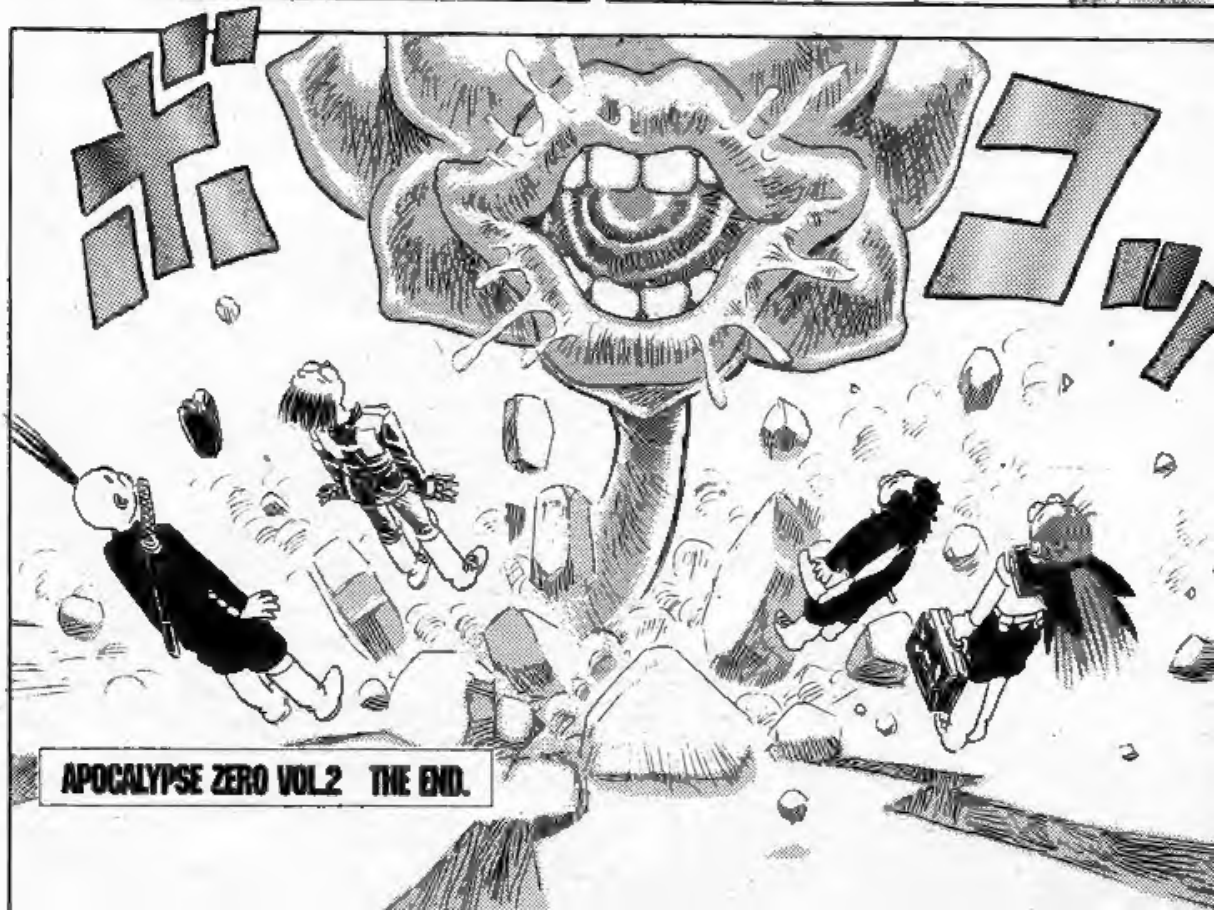
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